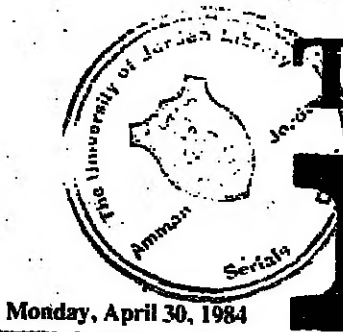


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Thousands honour memory of Six Million

Jerusalem Post Staff
Tens of thousands gathered at Martyrs and Heroes Memorial Day ceremonies throughout the country yesterday honouring the Six Million Jews who perished in the Holocaust and those who fought against the Germans and their collaborators.

At the start of yesterday's weekly cabinet session, the ministers rose to honour the memory of those who were "exterminated with bestial cruelty by Nazi Germany during World War II," in the words of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

"We commend the few who dared, during those terrible days, to raise the banner of armed resistance to the destruction," he said.

More than 50 wreaths were laid at the foot of the memorial to the fallen at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem, where a large crowd gathered to say the Kaddish before the Eternal Flame in the Yizkor hall.

President Chaim Herzog, speaking at a memorial service at Kibbutz Yitzhak in the Sharon, told the large assembly that "we must prevent a repetition of the Holocaust and any attacks against our people anywhere in the world. The strength of the State of Israel is not only a guarantee for the safety of its own citizens, but also for that of Jewish communities in distress in Ethiopia, Syria and the Soviet Union."

Speaking to a large gathering at the foot of the statue of Warsaw Ghetto uprising leader Mordechai Anielewicz at Kibbutz Yad Mordechai, Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres said that only here in Israel is it possible to erect a shield against the depravities of a madman.

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'We radioed from Auschwitz to London'

LOHAMEI HAGETA OT (Idim). - The Jewish underground at Auschwitz built a radio transmitter and broadcast details of the extent of extermination to London in November 1944. This was revealed last night at a memorial meeting at this kibbutz by Eva Feldenkrais, a member of the underground.

The resistance transmitted several messages to London, describing activities at the camp and begging the Allies to bomb the crematoriums, she said. But the Allies ignored the request and the inmates were forced to wait months more for liberation by the Allied armies, a delay that cost tens or perhaps hundreds of thousands of lives, Feldenkrais said.

2 terrorists shot dead while preparing bomb

Jerusalem Post Reporter
METULLA. - Two terrorists who were planting an explosive charge by a roadside in South Lebanon were shot and killed by Israeli soldiers on Saturday night.

The pair were spotted by an Israel Defence Forces patrol as they were setting up a 13-kilogram bomb near the village of Anasria. There were no IDF casualties.

Tlass predicts U.S.-Israeli attack

DAMASCUS (AP). - Syrian Defence Minister Mustafa Tlass has accused the U.S. and Israel of preparing an attack against Syria and warned "they will pay dearly for this aggression."

Speaking to troops at a military base Saturday, Tlass also accused agents of Israel of trying to sabotage Syrian efforts to ensure a "national entente" among Lebanon's warring factions, and said Syria is determined to achieve such reconciliation.

"We know how to achieve this entente in spite of the Israeli plots... we will save Lebanon from partition and we will get the Israelis out of Lebanon... Lebanon will win and will remain united," he said.

'Hadashot' shut till Thursday after court rejects appeal

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT and ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The new tabloid *Hadashot* will next appear on Thursday, after the High Court of Justice yesterday upheld the military censor's decision to close its press for four days for violating the censorship law.

The paper defied censorship and published a report that Defence Minister Moshe Arens had established a special internal commission of inquiry to examine how four terrorists who had hijacked an Egged bus on April 13 were killed. This followed reports and pictures

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will not appear tomorrow, May Day. Publication will be resumed on Wednesday.



Leaders of the Jewish settlements in the administered areas met yesterday in Ofra to discuss the arrests of settlers in connection with the attempted bombing of Arab-owned buses and other actions aimed at Arabs. Left is former Knesset Member Hanan Porat, centre is Yisrael Harel, and at extreme right is Benny Katzofer. (Scoop 80)

U.S.-China nuclear pact

PEKING (AP). - The U.S. yesterday secured a nuclear cooperation agreement with China, launching what President Ronald Reagan termed "a new dimension of peaceful cooperation."

The president witnessed the initialing of a pact, three years in the making, which opens the door for sales of U.S. nuclear energy-generating equipment to China.

Before his departure for Shanghai and the last day of his China trip, Reagan said in remarks prepared for delivery at the signing ceremony in the Great Hall of the People:

"Our agreement is based on our shared desire to prevent the proliferation of nuclear explosives in the world, and it brings a new dimension of peaceful cooperation to our relationship."

Although differences over the continued U.S. support for Taiwan cast a shadow over the president's visit, Reagan's last act in Peking was to sign accords ending a year-long chill in cultural relations and averting double taxation for U.S. companies operating in China.

Army of Southern Lebanon making progress, cabinet told

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The South Lebanon Army is "making progress," although not enough to allow Israel to consider leaving the area's security problems to the Lebanese yet, cabinet sources reported yesterday.

The government's coordinator of policy in the area, Uri Lubrani, reportedly told this to the cabinet when he briefed it sitting at the Ministerial Committee on Security.

The cabinet did not discuss a possible Israeli withdrawal from the area and ignored, for the 28th time,

Black Hebrews will be out 'very soon,' says Shilansky

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEERSHEBA. - Dov Shilansky, deputy minister in the Prime Minister's office, said here yesterday that in a very short time, the Black Hebrews will not be here anymore.

Asked if this statement was official, Shilansky replied that it was.

Early this month, Interior Minister Yosef Burg wrote in answer to a parliamentary question that his ministry has decided not to grant any official status to Black Hebrews in Israel. Estimates of the number of members of this group in Dimona, Arad and Mitzpe Ramon vary from 900 to 3,000.

They are in Israel illegally, and they cannot be permitted to remain here as a group, Interior Ministry

UK police fear booby-traps at deserted Libyan embassy

LONDON (AP). - The police yesterday prepared to search Libya's deserted embassy for arms as the crisis sparked by the killing of a policeman dissolved into recriminations that Britain has been humiliated by apparently sending the gunman safely home.

With 30 Libyans escorted out of the embassy and deported Friday after an 11-day siege, open anger mounted here at what one ruling Conservative Party legislator, Eldon

Griffiths, called the "international humiliation of Britain by a tinpot dictator."

Entrances to St. James's Square, where the embassy is situated, remained shrouded in blue plastic sheeting last night as police awaited the midnight deadline when Britain says the building loses its diplomatic immunity and can be searched.

"We will be going in to carry out forensic tests and make sure the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

the entire incident, a cabinet source said yesterday.

Arens yesterday told the cabinet about his decision to set up the investigation, but did not provide the ministers with any details.

Arens also explained to the cabinet his decision regarding the four-day shutdown of *Hadashot*. The cabinet sat at the Ministerial Committee on Security for the discussions to prevent further leaks.

During the discussion of the action taken against *Hadashot*, the question arose about whether it is worthwhile to try to prevent publication of a story that may harm the state's interests, risking that, when published, the story could be blown up out of proportion because of the effort to prevent its publication.

But, according to cabinet sources, there was no decision on what the

Bomb plot exposure may lead to other terror cells, politicians

Disbelief over arrests of Gush 'respectables'

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

OFRA. - At first people in this settlement northeast of Ramallah refused to talk about the Jewish underground - and especially not about the man arrested here yesterday morning.

Then they declared that the people suspected of belonging to the underground couldn't possibly have been involved in planning and executing "such awful things."

But as they reviewed the names (which cannot be published, because of a court order) of those arrested, their faces became grimmer.

Nearly all those arrested by the security forces were well known and highly regarded in the Gush Emunim movement. Some were leaders of the religious wing of former chief of staff Rafael Eitan's Tzomet movement.

Several of them were referred to as "pillars of their settlements" or "one of the founding fathers."

As the settlers here heard each new name, expressions of disbelief crossed their faces. They agreed that these people were "ultra-respectable" in Gush Emunim society.

There is no strict separation between ideologues and field personnel within Gush Emunim. But nearly all of those arrested were identified as "doers" rather than "preachers."

Yoel Bin-Nun of the Council of Jewish Settlements in Judea and Samaria described many of those arrested as "rather silent men."

Settler leaders deny comrades involved in bus-bomb plot

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Leaders of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza District said last night they were convinced that none of the settlers from their areas had a part in the attempt to blow up five Arab buses.

The Council of Settlements in Judea, Samaria and the Gaza District also vehemently denied the existence of a Jewish underground.

At a meeting in Ofra, the council did not condemn the attempted sabotage of the buses. Former Knesset Member Hanan Porat had de-

manded such a condemnation. Instead they demanded that the police and security forces lift the veil of secrecy they have imposed on the investigation and reveal the evidence they hold against the suspected members of the underground.

The settlement leaders did not decide whether the council should formally pay for the suspects' lawyers. In previous cases, the council occasionally withheld such support from a settler if there was a particularly strong case against him.

The shooting broke out in mid-morning between Moslem militias in the West and the Lebanese Army and Christian forces in the east.

Grenades, machineguns and automatic rifles were used, but the fighting was not as heavy as Saturday's when two persons were killed and more than 20 wounded.

Prime minister-designate Rashid Karamah was at home in the northern city of Tripoli. He flew there Saturday after two days of apparently inconclusive parliamentary consultations on the shape of the government.

President Amin Gemayel asked him to form on Thursday.

In an interview published yesterday, Karamah said that the top priority of the cabinet he is trying to form would be to get Israeli forces out of South Lebanon.

ministers considered a "philosophical problem."

According to cabinet secretary Dan Meridor, the decision to shut *Hadashot* "was a matter of principle" to prevent the "laws of the state from becoming ignored."

No time limit has been imposed on the Zorea committee, but there were indications from ministers yesterday that they hope for quick action. No decision has been made about publication of the results of the inquiry by the committee, which has the authority to subpoena anybody in the country, including General Security Services personnel.

THE NEW YORK TIMES
The Week in Review
was not received last night for reasons beyond our control.

By ROBERT ROSENBERG and DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Well-known political figures linked to the Jewish settlement lobby for the administered areas may be questioned by security officials in connection with the Jewish terror network uncovered at the weekend, high-ranking investigation sources said last night.

The operational details of the conspiracy to blow up five Arab-owned buses last Friday afternoon have already been determined by the investigators, and indictments are to be prepared shortly.

A second wave of arrests is possible in the next few days, the investigative sources said.

Meanwhile, the investigation has already led detectives to suspect a connection with the two major outstanding West Bank mysteries: Who tried to assassinate the West Bank mayors in 1980, and who committed the grenade and submachine gun attack last summer at the Hebron Islamic University.

The investigators are charting the suspects' complex connections with each other and with others, as yet unarrested, people. The investigative team comprises 90 police officers under the command of Tal-Nitzav Armand Levy, head of the serious crimes division at national police headquarters, and an unspecified number of other security forces personnel.

Senior police sources remained adamant last night that they had only 15 men in custody, but conceded that the confusion in numbers - reports that as many as 30 or 40 suspects were being held abounded yesterday - could be the result of additional inquiries being made. For example, the sources confirmed that Rabbi Moshe Levinger of Hebron and

Aharon Domb, deputy chairman of the Kiryat Arba local council, have been questioned but not arrested.

The *Jerusalem Post* has learned that the 15 suspects in custody were the subjects of a two-year-long investigation based on the recruitment of an informer from within their ranks.

The *Post* has also learned that the arrests on Friday took place earlier than the investigators had planned. Detectives had hoped for a few more months of information gathering.

"But when we learned that they had planned a mass murder," said an investigative source involved in the arrests, "we knew we had to act. Once we foiled the plot, however, we had to make all the arrests we could."

A sapper involved in the dismantling of the devices set to explode on five buses of the Kalandia-Atarot bus company at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, said that "in almost a decade as a sapper, I've never seen such professional work."

"The General Security Services prevented a catastrophe on Friday that could have cost many, many lives," Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said in the cabinet yesterday after a briefing by the chief of the GSS. "And the catastrophe that would have befallen the State of Israel would have been indescribable (if the bombs had gone off)," added Shamir.

Many ministers were shocked yesterday when they heard the names of the suspects read out by the chief of the GSS. Several suspects are well known in the halls of the Knesset and the government ministries, where for the last several years they have been prominent among the second rank of Jewish settlement lobbyists.

One cabinet source said last night: "I heard names that are as well known in the Knesset as they are in

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Numeiry declares emergency in Sudan

KHARTOUM (Reuters). - President Ja'afar Numeiry yesterday proclaimed an indefinite state of emergency in Sudan, banning all meetings and demonstrations and mobilizing public services.

In a nationwide speech on radio and television, he said he had taken the action "to enable authorities to achieve maximum stability and security."

Numeiry, whose speech followed three hours of patriotic music over the state radio, said: "The enemies

of the government have become active both inside and outside Sudan."

He said opposition political parties, dissolved when he seized power in a bloodless coup in 1969, had become active.

The president referred to "spreading corruption" as one of the reasons for proclaiming the state of emergency.

He said recent strikes, such as one by 2,000 doctors, were not necessary to make demands for better working conditions and more pay.

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Safed	48	7-18	20
Haifa Port	57	14-20	21
Tiberias	30	12-27	27
Nazareth	51	10-20	22
Avia	31	9-21	23
Shomron	39	9-21	23
Tel Aviv	52	12-22	23
B-G Airport	47	10-23	24
Jericho	31	11-27	28
Gaza	38	12-20	22
Beersheba	22	8-25	27
Elit	11	16-32	32

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor yesterday received at the Knesset a delegation of Dutch parliamentarians, headed by Mr. Joop den Uyl, leader of the Dutch Labour Party and a former prime minister.

Members and alumni of the Betar youth movement yesterday celebrated the organization's 60th anniversary at Herut headquarters in Metzuat Ze'ev in Tel Aviv. Ministers Moshe Arens, Yigal Cohen-Orad, Eliezer Shostak and Mordechai Zipori participated.

Emanah World Religious Zionist Women's Organization Annual Meeting takes place April 30-May 1 at Binyanei Ha'uma.

Prof. Eliezer Berkovits will speak on "Judaism After the Holocaust" in the first Israel Goldstein Yom Hazikaron Lasho'ah Velagvura lecture at 8 o'clock tonight at the Synagogue, 4 Agron Street, Jerusalem.

ARRIVALS

For the Emanah Annual World Meeting, National Presidents of Australia, Rachel Leibler; France, Leah Frankforter; Great Britain, Guggi Grahame; Ruth Sachs; Switzerland, Susi Pugsch; U.S.A., Charlotte Sachs.



Top 'Post' printer, Fischer, dies at 69

Ephraim (Feri) Fischer, the retired chief printer of The Jerusalem Post, died of cancer on Friday and was buried at Jerusalem's Har Hamenuhot cemetery on Sunday.

Fischer was born in Chantavir, Yugoslavia, in 1915, and started working at The Jerusalem Post Press on his arrival here in 1951. He was an expert printer with special skills in art and colour.

Fischer retired from The Post in 1980. He is survived by his wife Luna, his sister Marysya, his son Mirko (who carries on his father's work at The Post), his daughter Viki, and three grandchildren.

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HOME NEWS

Falasha supporters rebut rosy report

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The International Committee for Ethiopian Jews charges that the situation of Falashas in Ethiopia has not improved, contrary to a report by a Canadian B'nai B'rith group that visited Ethiopia last month. Israeli tourists who recently returned from Ethiopia told of government decrees placing Falasha villages off limits to foreign visitors. The Israeli group had been scheduled to visit such a settlement but was taken elsewhere.

At the end of last month, members of a B'nai B'rith fact-finding

group from Canada said they found no specifically anti-Jewish legislation or discrimination when they visited three Ethiopian villages. Their trip had been made with the encouragement of the Israeli government, and the Ethiopian authorities had been aware of it.

The B'nai B'rith members' remarks were made at a news conference held at the Israeli Foreign Ministry's World Jewish Affairs Division.

The International Committee for Ethiopian Jews, in a recent communique, denounced what it called

the B'nai B'rith group's "conflicting" statements which came to light paradoxically through official channels.

"If the Israeli government supports the claims made at the Foreign Ministry press conference," the committee asked, "how does it explain the closing of the Falasha villages to foreign visitors?"

The committee charged that the Canadians' remarks have caused a lessening of international efforts and pressure on the Ethiopian government to permit the Falashas to emigrate to Israel.

TA deputy mayor willing to resign

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Deputy Mayor Dov Ben-Meir, Alignment (Labour) Knesset member, yesterday announced his intention to resign as deputy mayor, in keeping with a Labour Party ruling against holding two positions simultaneously.

The party's central committee last week decided that Knesset candidates holding senior posts on behalf of the party must resign their second positions within three days of the Knesset list's being submitted to the committee for approval.

Ben-Meir told The Jerusalem Post that it is up to the party to decide whether his position as deputy mayor falls within the definition of dual positions. The situation "is still open," he said.

He added that it is too early to talk about when his resignation will go into effect and who will replace him as deputy mayor.

Ben-Meir was appointed one of four deputy mayors about six months ago, when the Likud and Labour signed a municipal coalition agreement shortly after the municipal elections.

He stressed that he intends to remain a member of the Tel Aviv Municipal Council and head of Labour's faction in the council.

UK POLICE

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building is safe," a spokesman at Scotland Yard said.

Police, warning the embassy could be booby-trapped, said anti-terrorist squad officers, followed by forensic scientists, would wait until daylight today to enter the five-storey Georgian building.

Warnings were broadcast to people working in adjoining offices to stay home today.

"Obviously we can't rule out the possibility that there is a device within the building that could explode," said the spokesman.

British officials suspect that arms, including the weapon that killed policeman Yvonne Fletcher, 25, were smuggled into in diplomatic bags that left with the Libyans on Friday. In addition to the killing of the policeman, 11 Libyan anti-Gaddafi protesters were wounded when their demonstration was broken up by machine-gun fire April 17. (See page 4)

Gahal agreement appears headed for re-negotiation

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Energy and Infrastructure Minister Yitzhak Moda'i of the Liberal Party last night conferred with Prime Minister Shamir on the future of the Gahal agreement. This followed Moda'i's afternoon meeting on the issue with Deputy Prime Minister David Levy.

The 1965 agreement determines the ratio of Herut to Liberal candidates on the Likud slate of candidates. Herut has been charging for years that it awards the Liberals gross over-representation.

Levy and Moda'i will meet again this morning to discuss for a formula

that will revise the Gahal agreement but leave the Likud intact. Yesterday they decided to set up teams representing Herut and the Liberals to iron out the matter.

The Gahal agreement, it was said last night in both Herut and the Liberal Party, is to be re-negotiated after all, despite earlier Liberal insistence that the matter not even be discussed.

Herut central committee member Gideon Sitterman yesterday presented secretariat chairman Yoram Andor with a petition signed by more than half of the committee members calling for a discussion of the matter in the committee.

Independent Jewish-Arab list is criticized

NAZARETH. — The decision to form a Jewish-Arab list has caused a split in the Arab left-wing organization. Arab members of the Sons of the Village Movement and the National Progressive Movement condemned the attempt of their former allies to set up a Jewish-Arab independent list. They said such a list was a direct recognition of the Israeli Arabs in the Knesset and its

decisions. The decision to set up a Jewish-Arab list was made at Umm el-Fahm on Saturday. A special committee was appointed to draft a political and social platform. The platform reportedly will include a call for mutual recognition between Israel and the PLO while Israel helps the Palestinians to set up their own state alongside Israel.

Postcard drive for extradition of Rauff

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Israeli school children and youth movements are participating in an international postcard campaign to demand that Nazi war criminal Walter Rauff be extradited from Chile.

Six million postcards printed by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles show an SS truck with a Red Cross emblem. It was Rauff who first used these trucks as mobile gas chambers.

Rauff lives in Santiago, Chile, and all efforts to bring the SS officer to justice have failed. Protest organizers hope that when Chilean President Augusto Pinochet is besieged with the postcards, he will permit Rauff's extradition.

One hundred thousand postcards will bear Israeli stamps. "Anyone wishing to join the protest can receive cards by dialling 02-931225."

Anghelovici defendant not to testify

REHOVOT (Itim). — The Magistrates Court here yesterday agreed to permit one of the men charged with removing the body of Tereza Anghelovici from its Rishon LeZion grave not to testify on his own behalf.

Defence counsel Ya'acov Hetzroni presented documents saying that one of his clients, David Ehrenfeld, was "tense, depressed and paranoid." Hetzroni said Ehrenfeld had been passing his days as an out-patient at an institution, returning home at night. Ehrenfeld and his co-defendant, Meir Agassi, had been released on bail for the duration of the trial.

The police prosecutor, Rav-Pakad Sarah Rav-Hon, described Ehrenfeld's mental state as typical of a suspect. She noted that the defence

had not sought a psychiatric examination for Ehrenfeld or asked to have him declared psychologically unfit to stand trial.

The judges agreed to the defence request and Ehrenfeld left the courtroom.

Afterward, defence witness Rabbi Yehuda Halevi Volpe, Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi of Rishon LeZion, testified on Halachic laws pertaining to burial. He said the only restrictions were that the body rest on its back and that the grave be deep enough to prevent the body from being uncovered by animals.

Tereza Anghelovici's remains were found by two boys in a Moslem cemetery in Ramle. One of the boys testified that the body was in a garbage bag and placed face down in a shallow grave covered with sand.

Athens pays tribute to Greek Jews killed by Nazis

ATHENS (AP). — A crowd of 1,500, including Mrs. Margaret Papanicolaou, the American-born wife of Greece's premier, yesterday attended an open-air memorial service at a suburban Athens cemetery to mark the 40th anniversary of the death of Greek Jews in German concentration camps in World War II.

Greece's flourishing Jewish minority, living mainly in the North-east city of Salonica, came close to extinction after 65,000 Greek Jews

were sent to the camps during the three-year German occupation of Greece. It numbers only 5,000 now.

"I would like to make it clear that all our politicians are shouldering the burden of history and working to make sure that a similar destiny for the descendants of the Greek Jews is averted," Hans Sterchen, a member of the German Federal Republic Parliament and representative of Chancellor Helmut Kohl, said in an address after the service.

Rape defendant freed despite court warning

HAIFA (Itim). — An Upper Afula man was found innocent yesterday of raping a mentally impaired girl, despite the court's comment that mental retardation is not a reason in itself to reject a complainant's credibility.

The man, Yisrael Sarusi, 25, was freed due to self-conflicting testimony by the victim.

The judges said, however, that testimony in cases involving mentally-impaired complainants should be weighed carefully.

Industrial exports expected to rise 16%

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter
The Industry and Trade Ministry predicts a 16 per cent growth in industrial exports for 1984. Minister Gideon Patt said yesterday. Patt was speaking on the eve of the opening of Export Week today with a ceremony at the president's house.

During the ceremony, the title of Outstanding Exporter will be granted to 11 exporters chosen by a public committee.

According to the forecasts, export prices will rise by 3 per cent in 1984, while the volume of industrial exports will increase by some 13 per

cent. The forecast is based on the assumption that a drop in local demand for certain products will be felt during the year, encouraging exports.

A survey conducted by the ministry showed that some 85 firms export goods worth about \$3 billion, some 60 per cent of Israel's industrial exports. Seven of these firms each export goods worth over \$100 million.

There are about 3,000 exporters in the country, but the survey showed that only 85 of them have exports exceeding \$10m. per annum.

Spain to act for Egypt in El Salvador

CAIRO (Reuters). — Spain has agreed to look after Egypt's interests in El Salvador and Costa Rica after last week's decision to sever relations with the two Latin American states, the official Middle East news agency said yesterday.

El Salvador and Costa Rica are the only two countries with embas-



Defence Minister Moshe Arens lays a wreath at the memorial in the military cemetery on Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem to the Jewish volunteers who fell while serving with the British Army during World War II. The ceremony was part of yesterday's observance of Martyrs and Heroes Memorial Day. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

THOUSANDS HONOUR

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Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy, addressing 20,000 people attending the main ceremony in Galilee held at Kibbutz Lohamei Hageta'ot, said that the central lesson of the Holocaust is that we must face up to the truth, no matter how terrible and incredible it may seem. "Even if the situation seems unthinkable, we are obliged to examine the facts with an open mind."

Thousands more gathered at Tel Aviv's main synagogue in Rehov

Allenby to recite the Kaddish in memory of the Six Million.

At a ceremony on Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem honouring the Jewish volunteers who fell while serving with the British Army during World War II, Defence Minister Moshe Arens noted that more than 1½ million Jews fought in the various Allied armies and resistance movements during the war. Of the 30,000 Jews from Eretz Yisrael who volunteered to serve, almost 800 fell in the line of duty, he said.

Bakers demand subsidy adjustment

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter
KIRYAT SHMONA. — The nation's bakery owners, contending that profits on subsidized breads have fallen by 20 per cent in real terms since 1978, yesterday threatened to stop baking these breads on Wednesday if the government refuses to either adjust the subsidies or permit the bakers to set more "realistic" prices. The bakers will produce instead only the "fancy" breads, whose prices are not controlled or subsidized, said Yohanan Aharonson, head of the National Bakers Association, who also manages the main bakery in Kiryat Shmona.

Aharonson explained that the bakeries produce three types of bread whose prices are set and subsidized by the government: white bread, regular bread, and halo. Prices for all other types of bread are not subsidized and are set by the manufacturers.

When the government set the subsidy level in 1978, a 6 per cent profit level for the bakers was figured on, Aharonson said. Since then, profits in real terms have fallen by 20 per cent, he said.

No decision on limiting police probes

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Energy and Infrastructure Minister Yitzhak Moda'i's proposal for a one-year limit on police investigations has been given to the Ministerial Law Committee, headed by Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, who is opposed to such legislation.

Moda'i's proposal was made three weeks ago when he charged that long police investigations create unbearable pressures for the subjects of the inquiries. In yesterday's cabinet session, the ministers and specialists responsible for law enforcement recommended that the proposal be rejected.

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GENEALOGY. — An International Seminar on Jewish Genealogy opened last night at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel. Seminar directors are Sallyann Amdur Sack and Naomi Levin Gershon of Washington, D.C.

DEMONSTRATION. — A rally to commemorate the second anniversary of the pullback from the Sinai will be held this afternoon near the Rafa border with Egypt.

Arab workers stay home for fear of bombs

Jerusalem Post Reporter
About 30 per cent fewer Arab workers arrived for work in Jerusalem yesterday because of fear of bombs in public transport, according to East Jerusalem bus companies and contractors.

The Kalandia bus company operated its normal schedule, but it and other companies took fewer people from the villages to work in the early morning.

In the West Bank, there was a generally muted reaction to the arrests of the suspected members of the Jewish underground and the attempted bombing of the buses. The East Jerusalem newspapers carried reports of the arrests with no commentary.

Bethlehem Mayor Elias Friej, condemning the attempted attack, said, "thank God the security forces were able to dismantle the bombs in time."

Railway worker crushed to death

A 32-year-old railway worker from Beersheba was crushed to death yesterday afternoon while loading goods on a train.

A truck backed into him and crushed him against one of the train cars. He died instantly.

The truck driver is helping the police investigators. The dead man's name has been withheld from publication. (Itim)

Dogs attack teenager

TEL AVIV. — Two dogs last night attacked a 15-year-old boy, Adar Sayis of Jaffa, causing him multiple injuries. Sayis was taken to Wolfson Hospital and later Ichilov Hospital for treatment.

Sayis was walking along the street in Jaffa when the dogs attacked him, having apparently escaped from the courtyard of their owner's house. Passersby chased off the dogs, which were later caught by the police and confined.

National flag defaced

Special to The Jerusalem Post
NAZARETH. — Vandals broke into the elementary school in the village of Ibtlin in western Lower Galilee on Saturday night, daubing a swastika and two slogans on an Israeli flag. One of the slogans read: "Hitler was a hero, where are you Hitler?"

No other damage was caused to the building. The police are investigating.

Poet Zelda dies

The Jerusalem poet Zelda (Mishkovsky) died in Hadassah Hospital last night after a long illness. She was 72.

SAFETY. — Israel Defence Forces military police, in conjunction with the Ordnance Corps, will today check IDF vehicles.

The reinterment of the remains of
H. JEROME SISSELMAN ז"ל
will take place on the
Mount of Olives Cemetery on
Wednesday, May 4 at 4.00 p.m.
Please gather opposite the Intercontinental Hotel.
Buses will leave from Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv at 2.30 p.m. and
from Bar-Ilan University at 3.00 p.m.
El-Al Flight 36 due at 1.00 p.m. on May 4.
Lorraine Sisselman
and the Family

Ramat Shapira World Youth Center
calls upon members of its Board
and friends of the family
to attend the reinterment ceremony for
H. JEROME SISSELMAN ז"ל
late Chairman of its International Board of Trustees

On the ninth anniversary of the passing of my beloved and
unforgettable husband
SEEW (Wilek) LUSTIG ז"ל
we shall hold a graveside memorial service at the
Nahalat Yitzhak Cemetery, tomorrow, Tuesday, May 1, 1984,
at 4.30 p.m.
We shall meet at the entrance to the cemetery.
His wife, Herta Ruth Lustig
and the Family

The Hadassah family in Israel
express condolences to their colleague,
Anabelle Yuval
on the passing of her dear father
BENJAMIN BIENNENFELD
and extend heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family

We mourn the passing of our comrade-in arms
and devoted friend
ARYE KOLE ז"ל
of Katrin, Golan Heights, Chief Engineer
of the Aliya Bet ships, Josiah Wedgwood
(Hagana) and Altalena (Irgun)
Our heartfelt sympathies to his wife,
Charlotte, and children
American Veterans of Israel and the
National Executive Committee, USA
Harry R. Eisner Louis Bratler
Sam Alexander Stanley Green

With deep sorrow we announce the passing of
Dr. Raphael (Rudolf) Horn ז"ל
The funeral took place on Sunday, April 29.
The Bereaved:
His wife, Elfriede Horn
His Son, Gad Horn and family
His Daughter, Tamar Amichal and family
Please refrain from condolence visits

The Hadassah Women's Zionist Organization
of America and the Hadassah Medical
Organization in Israel
mourn the death of
Prof. YITZHAK MICHMAN ז"ל
Former Director of the Department for Oral Rehabilitation
and convey condolences to the family.

SIMON ZALMAN FRIED
left this world on April 22
Mourned by:
His wife,
family and friends

A memorial service for the late
JOSEPH AMSTER
will take place on Thursday, May 3, 1984,
at the Kibbutz Shalom

Bank Hapoalim lost IS11b. in 1983

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Bank Hapoalim lost IS10.9 billion after taxes in 1983, compared to net profits of IS1.24b. in 1982, the bank announced yesterday. Both figures are based on Treasury Opinion 23 of the Institute of Public Accountants, which takes both inflation and capital erosion into account.

If the figures are translated into dollars at the representative rate of IS107.77 to the dollar at the end of 1983, the loss becomes \$101.1 million compared to a profit of \$11.5m. the year before.

(However, if the accounting is done without taking inflation into consideration, the net profits of the bank came to IS3.32b. at the end of 1983, which can be translated into \$30.8m net profits.)

At a press conference yesterday, Giora Gazit, chairman of the bank's management board, noted that the bank's consolidated balance sheet stood at \$19.5b. at the end of 1983, a 5.8 per cent drop from the \$20.7b. at the end of 1982.

Gazit blamed the authorities for the bad business year. For example, he said, the Finance Ministry deducted IS4.5b. in taxes as advances

on profits — although there were no profits. (Most of this sum will eventually be returned.)

Moreover, the Bank of Israel imposed fines totalling IS4.5b. on Hapoalim for overstepping liquidity limits.

In 1983, he continued, the government's monetary policy did not permit the bank to charge reasonable interest rates on the loans it made, or to charge fees that would cover the costs of its services.

Gazit said fees for various services were now being brought into line with costs.

The bank's financial statements contain only a few paragraphs on the death of Ya'acov Levinson last February. It is stated "that the bank's executive believes there is no reason to assume that the investigations into allegations of untoward activities will have any basic effects on the bank's assets or profits."

In the next two years the bank plans either to close or merge some 20 branches. "However, closing branches presents a problem," said Gazit. "We are a bank whose motto is to serve the public, so we will find it difficult to close branches in development towns for example, even if they lose money." The bank had 350 branches at the end of 1983.

Gazit said the bank had introduced a variety of schemes to help the public preserve the value of money and that these schemes had been successful, in general. He was aware, however, that the public was nervous about the financial situation, and he thought that a lot of money was leaving the country.

(Barclays Discount — page 8)

Eilat rail proposal to ministers

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The cabinet yesterday referred to the Ministerial Economic Committee the proposal of Transport Minister Haim Corfu to build a railroad to Eilat.

The railroad now goes only as far as Nahal Zin in the Arava, about 150 kilometres north of Eilat. The cost of building the line is estimated in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

There have been reports that Canadian firms were interested in financing the line.

Eilat Mayor Rafi Hochman told *The Jerusalem Post* that Corfu intends to present the railroad proposal before the International Economic Conference in Jerusalem in May.

David Segal, the manager of the Eilat Port, told *The Post* that a railroad line to Eilat would be a big boon to the port, which has been suffering from a drop in cargoes since the opening of the Suez Canal to Israeli cargoes.

A line to Eilat would lower the land-transport charges, making it worthwhile for many importers to bring through the port goods coming from the Far East and Africa, he said.

Hochman added that the line could bring new industry and other developments to Eilat and many Arava settlements.

Roman Gallery opening at Israel Museum

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The financial difficulties that forced the Israel Museum to close for 20 days last winter will not affect its expansion plans.

This was the message of museum spokesman Meir Meyer in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post* on the meeting of the museum's International Council, which is taking place this week. Among the highlights of the meeting is tomorrow's opening of the museum's Roman Gallery, which features a bronze bust of the Emperor Hadrian and a magnificent mosaic from Nablus. The gallery was set up with the help of the Wolfson Foundation.

Other highlights include the opening today of an exhibition of Islamic Art, which contains a massive carpet lent by Levi Kedaty, said to be the world's biggest rug dealer. The exhibit is an early-19th century copy of a 17th-century carpet woven for the Turkish Sultan. When the original work was completed, the sultan had the weaver blinded so that he could not create another like it.

Last night the museum presented the Percia Schimmel Archeological



Roman ritual mask. Second century. (Nahum Slapak)

Award to Professor Helene Kantor, whose work has become instrumental in understanding the influences that prevailed between East and West, and to Professor Avraham Biran for his work in the lands of the Bible.

Also honoured was Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer. Meyer told *The Post* that during

Hammer's term in office, the ministry has shown unprecedented interest in and understanding of the museum's needs.

As to the shortage of funds, Meyer explained that despite budgetary problems the institution was committed to a steady programme of expansion.

On another issue, the show the museum had organized to bring the major archaeological finds related to the Bible to the American public, Meyer recalled that the exhibition had been indefinitely postponed, first by New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art and then by the Smithsonian Institution over the question of showing, under Israeli auspices, items from "occupied territory" — that is, Judea and Samaria.

Now, he said, both institutions are ready to mount the exhibit, but the museum wishes a commitment from the State Department that all artifacts sent will be returned. So far, he said, no such undertaking has been given.

The 300-member International Council, with some 160 members from abroad, meets annually to aid the museum with policy-making.

Zim suffers first loss in 13 years

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Zim national shipping company yesterday announced a \$1,493 billion loss for 1983 — its first loss in 13 years.

Zim posted a net profit of IS106m. in 1982.

Zim spokesman Eliyahu Shragai, who presented the year's balance sheet to the press, noted that the loss was not as bad as it seemed considering the worldwide shipping slump that has continued for nearly a decade and reached a nadir in 1983.

He pointed out that Zim's turnover for 1983 had actually gone up, by 7.2 per cent, to \$721m. from \$672m. in 1982 and the amount of cargo the firm's ships had carried, (with the exception of fuel) had for the first time passed the nine million mark for a total of 9.2 million tons, a 2.2

per cent rise over the previous year.

Moreover, Zim's international trade between foreign ports had accounted for 53 per cent of total income, as against 52 per cent in 1983.

But because of the depressed freight rates, its income from shipping operations and ancillary services had gone down by 4.1 per cent to only \$696m.

The spokesman noted that 30 per cent of the world's shipping tonnage is considered redundant, much of it laid up, and this had sharply depressed freight rates to a level where they only barely cover running costs without a return on capital.

Nevertheless, Zim had in 1983 added four ships to its fleet, at a total investment of \$86m., replacing six smaller ships which had become obsolete.

NEWS BACKGROUND/Haim Shapiro

Terror began with smashed windows

What is apparently Jewish terror against Arabs in the West Bank appears to have started in April 1980, with the smashing of windows of cars and homes. Serious attacks since then have included the assassination attempt on three Arab mayors, night attacks on Arab homes and a murderous assault at the Hebron Islamic University, with intermittent, but less serious, violence in between.

The window smashing, which some persons immediately labelled "Kristallnacht" (reminiscent of the Crystal Night rampage against the Jews in Germany on November 9, 1938) included some 120 cars and 70 homes in Ramallah and nearby El-Birah. It followed several weeks of stonethrowing in the area by Arab schoolchildren and the tossing of a grenade, which did not explode, into a bus carrying Jewish settlers.

The situation escalated in June 1980, when assailants planted bombs in separate attacks, costing \$150 Mayor Bassam Shak'a the lower part of both legs and Ramallah Mayor Karim Khabalaf a foot. Another bomb exploded in the car of El-Birah Mayor Ibrahim a-Tawil, leaving the mayor untouched, but blinding an Israel Defence Forces sapper.

No arrests were made after the car-bombing incidents, and there was little violence on the part of Jewish settlers until April 1981, when Hebron Arabs complained that local Jews were "systematically harassing" the Arabs. The headmistress of an Arab school complained that Jews had pulled the hair of her pupils and slapped them.

In May 1981, Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir appointed a special committee to coordinate and supervise the investigation of Jewish settlers in the West Bank suspected of vigilante activities, assault and vandalism against local Arabs. This followed a letter to Zamir from 14 leading academic jurists, who had compiled a long list of incidents involving Jews that, in their opinion, had been unsatisfactorily handled by the military authorities and police.

But this did not prevent a grenade from being thrown at the home of an Arab neighbour of the Hebron Jewish suburb of Kiryat Arba in February 1982. The grenade, tossed at 2 a.m., damaged a shed in the Arab's courtyard. The man, who said that

the Jews wanted to expand Kiryat Arba on his land, had had shots fired at his home two years earlier.

In the same month, Kach leader Meir Kahane, who was doing military reserve duty in Ramallah, was one of a group of soldiers who detained about 15 people in the centre of the town. The military authorities said Kahane's posting there had been a "careless oversight" and promised that he would be stationed elsewhere.

Also in February 1982, a Jewish resident of Shilo in Samaria was held by the police in connection with the fatal shooting of an Arab youth. The Jew had reported firing into the air to disperse youths who stoned his car as he passed on the Ramallah-Nablus road.

All such activity was overshadowed by the Lebanon war until October 1982, when the security forces detained three prominent Kiryat Arba residents on suspicion of illegal possession of explosives. Far more serious, however, was the explosion of a booby-trapped bomb outside a mosque in Hebron on a Friday in February 1983, slightly injuring two residents. The bomb had been set to go off at the end of prayers in the mosque, but purely by chance the worship in the mosque had been delayed. A similar booby-trapped grenade exploded and injured two boys on a school soccer field.

In the same month, a four-year-old Arab girl was wounded inside her home in Hebron by gunfire. The assailants were described as Jews from Kiryat Arba.

The violence continued during

March, with a resident of Yatta village south of Hebron, complaining that his car had come under fire as he passed the Kach settlement of El-Nakam. About the same time, Jews allegedly alighted from a bus that had been stoned and began smashing windcreens of passing Arab cars near Bethlehem.

Also in March, residents of Carmel in the South Hebron Hills entered a boys school in Yatta and reportedly fired in the air and threatened the teachers and pupils after their cars were stoned as they passed through the village. In another action, Kiryat Arba residents blocked the main road to Jerusalem at the Dehaishe refugee camp near Jerusalem.

The terror escalated abruptly in July 1983 when masked terrorists killed three and wounded 33 in an attack on the Hebron Islamic University with automatic rifles and a grenade. The incident was the most indiscriminate ever directed at Arabs in the territories since Israel captured the area in 1967.

Then last December, an 11-year-old Arab girl was shot dead in Nablus. Two Jews are being tried for this killing.

In January this year, a guard at a mosque in Hebron was slightly injured when a booby-trapped grenade exploded on a Friday morning. A little while later another grenade exploded at a second Hebron mosque, causing damage but no injuries.

This past month, masked assailants attacked a bus carrying Arab workers from Ramallah. Five suspects are being held.

Cuts harming chronically ill, nurses warn

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

Care of the chronically ill has deteriorated seriously recently due to cuts in budgets for personnel, supplies and hospital beds, the National Nurses' Union yesterday warned Health Ministry Director-General Baruch Modan.

The unprecedented deterioration has created a situation in which the chronically ill are "waiting in line for someone to die" so that they can be hospitalized, the nurses say.

They say the budget cuts have also severely affected day-care centres for the chronically ill and home visits by nurses.

The nurses rejected out of hand ministry explanations that the cuts were necessary because the National Insurance Institute (NII) refused to release money collected from salaried workers for the care of the chronically ill. More than IS10 million are said to be in the coffers of the NII, but until now political infighting has made transfer of the money to the Health Ministry impossible.

The nurses warned Health Minister Eliezer Shostak and Modan that the situation is absolutely unacceptable and that they will take steps to impress "all parties" with the seriousness of the matter.

Shekel pay of 2,000 seamen will be adjusted

HAIFA. — Zim yesterday acceded to a Histadrut ruling to adjust the shekel wages of its 2,000 seamen to the April 1 dollar rate, as stipulated in their wage contract.

The move immediately provoked a demand for a similar rise by the company's office staff of 1,500.

The seamen get part of their wages in dollars when serving at sea, and part in shekels, linked to the dollar rate of the previous year. Zim had intended to ignore the four-year-old adjustment clause, but retracted under Histadrut pressure.

French military rabbis here for conference

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Twenty-five Jewish military chaplains from France are scheduled to arrive here today for a seminar organized by the Israel Defence Forces Chaplaincy Corps and the World Zionist Organization.

The chaplains, headed by the French Chief Jewish military chaplain, will discuss problems faced by the more than 5,000 Jews serving in France's military, and will learn procedures for identifying war dead.

May Day 1984

On the international workers' holiday, we will raise the banner of a just society, peace and security, full employment, and fraternity between peoples.

On May Day, Israel's workers in their thousands will demonstrate their continued support of the labour movement and the Histadrut, in the fight for a just society, peace and security. We will demonstrate our stand against encroachment on workers' rights, against stagnation in the peace process, in support of democracy, the search for a stable peace with security, social justice and equality, jobs for all, and friendship between peoples and countries, in our region and worldwide.

This May Day, the workers of Israel will demonstrate at five different assemblies in support of our continuing effort to consolidate the freedom brought by Zionism, the further building up, spearheaded by the Histadrut and the labour movement, of the Jewish people in its country, and in support of the just rights of Israel, and of social justice in Israeli society. We now strive to defend the standard of living of the worker, to reduce social and economic differences, to achieve equality for women in work and society, and for fraternity between Jews and Arabs, Druse, Muslims and Christians.

- ★ We demand the curbing of inflation and stable prices.
- ★ We demand a fair distribution of the economic burden.
- ★ We demand that the government initiate economic growth.

On this international workers' day, we confirm our identification with the high ideals of the labour movement in the free world: maximum justice, freedom and independence, and we affirm our true friendship with democratic labour movements throughout the world.

We call on the workers of Israel to rally round the Histadrut, to keep faith with the spirit of working, productive Israel, in towns and in the country; toiling to build up the economy and society.

On this day, the Histadrut sends greetings to the State of Israel, to the Israel Defence Forces, to the defenders and settlers of the border areas, Histadrut members in industry, agriculture, building, public services, writers, artists and academicians — zealously working in support of the security, sovereignty and economic independence of this country.

On this day, we greet and express our thanks for the support of Na'amat, the pioneering members of the youth movement, Ha'oved Vehalomed, and our many comrades who have now retired from work.

This day we greet our members in the towns and in the country, in the villages and development towns, and in the land settlement movement, and Arab and Druse workers. May we this day be strengthened by the spirit of mutual aid, by greater democratization in industry, and by the fulfilment of the ideals of labour and peace of our country.

Long live the State of Israel!
Long live the Histadrut!
May there be peace in our region and throughout the world!

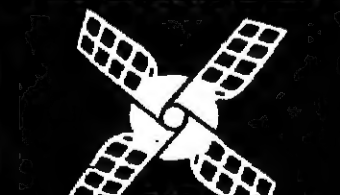
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Sports

Game basketballers

Israel's national basketball team, although losing two matches, finishing last in the four team tournament in Linar, Spain, have reason to be pleased with their creditable performances against very tall and formidable Soviet and Polish players. On Saturday night they lost to Poland 81-75, Mickey Berkowitz scoring 20 points and Jamchee 16. Israel played without Lou Silver and Avigdor Moscovitz, both of whom should make a difference when the same four teams compete in a second tournament later this week.

The Windie whip

KINGSTON (AP). — The West Indies, already with an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the series, once more emphasized their superiority by beating Australia out for a meagre 1-0. Their first innings, and then re, with a rapid 25 without loss by the end of the first day of the fifth and final cricket Test match.

The Australian batsmen, who have totalled more than 300 only once in eight previous Tests in the series, were again outmanoeuvred by the West Indies fast bowlers, well supported by 21-year-old off-spinner Roger Harper, after West Indies captain Clive Lloyd, playing in his 100th test, won the toss and put them in to bat.

Only Alan Border (41), David Hookes (30) and The Hogan (25) put up any resistance.

Lakers in form

INGLEWOOD, California (AP). — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar scored 16 of his 18 points in the first half on Saturday as the well-rested Los Angeles Lakers took command early in rolling to a 134-91 victory over the weary Dallas Mavericks in the opener of their National Basketball Association Western Conference play-off series.

The New York Knicks squeezed past the Detroit Pistons 127-123 in overtime to go through to the next round of their play-offs. Bernard King scored 44 for the Knicks, and averaged 42.6 in the five games.

Islanders win one

UNIONDALE (AP). — Greg Gilbert scored twice, and goaltender Billy Smith set a Stanley Cup record with his 11th career victory on Saturday night, as the New York Islanders closed the gap on the Montreal Canadiens in the Prince of Wales Conference final series with a 5-2 decision.

The four-time National Hockey League champions Islanders now trail the best-of-seven series 2-1.

In Minneapolis, Wayne Gretzky's successful penalty shot capped Edmonton's five-goal, third-period flurry and moved the Oilers into one game of the Stanley Cup finals by sweeping Minnesota 5-0 on Saturday night.

Edmonton now lead the best-of-seven Campbell conference final series 3-0.

Late but useful

NEW YORK (AP). — Ross Jones, who entered the game in the eighth inning, doubled for his first major league hit in the ninth, driving in the winning run as the New York Mets defeated the Philadelphia Phillies 4-3 on Saturday. The Mets had trailed from a 3-2 deficit to tie the score 3-3 in the eighth on a two-out homer by Darryl Strawberry, his fifth off Phillies starter Charles Hudson.

In Oakland, Dave Kingman belted his major league record for the month, to cap a five-run second inning. Saturday that powered Big Burrell and the Oakland A's to a 9-4 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Saturday's games:
American League
Detroit 6, Cleveland 2; Boston 8, Chicago 7; Oakland 7, Minnesota 4; California 18, Seattle 1; Baltimore 4, Texas 1; Milwaukee 8, New York 7; Toronto 6, Kansas City 8.

National League
St. Louis 6, Montreal 1; Atlanta 5, Houston 3; New York 4, Philadelphia 1; Cincinnati 7, San Francisco 6; 13 innings, Chicago 7, Pittsburgh 1; San Diego 5, Los Angeles 1.

Showdown in Dallas

DALLAS (Reuters). — Top-seeded John McEnroe and second-seeded Jimmy Connors advanced to the final of the World Championship Tennis (WCT) final with convincing straight-set victories in a stormy Houston stadium.

McEnroe, the defending champion, cruised past former South African Kevin Currey 6-3, 4-4 while Connors trounced 19-year-old Jimmy Arias of the United States 6-0, 7-4, 6-3.

Connors, the current Wimbledon and U.S. Open champion, was a late entrant through the \$200,000 United Airlines Tournament of Champions in a crushing win on Saturday with a 6-0, 6-1 victory in the final of the tournament.

Junior tennis

BAT YAM. — The finals of the boys' singles and doubles, and the girls' singles and doubles of the Junior World Ranking Circuit, 10th Tournament will take place today, play starting at 2 p.m.

WORLD NEWS

'Erratic behaviour by Gaddafi spawns chaos'

WASHINGTON. — The increasingly erratic behaviour of Libyan strongman Muammar Gaddafi threatens his authority and has spawned chaos in Libya's government, *The Washington Post* reported in yesterday's editions.

In a story by a reporter who visited Libya's capital of Tripoli, the *Post* quoted several unnamed Libyan officials as saying Gaddafi is often under the influence of sleeping pills, is in constant fear for his life and exhibits unpredictable behaviour to subordinates.

The newspaper quoted Libyan bureaucrats as saying they were frustrated by the chaos created by Gaddafi's erratic work habits. He is described as having trouble sleeping, wandering day and night, and making morbid comments, and is apparently incapable of making key decisions or communicating his thoughts.

"The country is in turmoil," one official told the *Post*. "We expect something."

Another Libyan official angrily described Gaddafi as "small, out of it... a pinhead."

The *Post* also quoted classified CIA reports as citing evidence that Gaddafi takes excessive doses of sleeping pills. One unnamed U.S. official was quoted as saying he is "burning the candle at both ends... high anxiety, high energy."

Some of his public speeches were described by two Libyan officials as "gibberish."

Gaddafi has stepped up internal terror and repression, possibly in response to a car-bomb attack last month that injured one of his most trusted aides, the *Post* report says.

In London, the opposition Labour Party yesterday called for an inquiry into the government's handling of the 11-day crisis at Libya's London Embassy that led Britain to break off diplomatic relations with Tripoli.

The call was a clear warning to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government that the affair would not end with the formal severance of Anglo-Libyan diplomatic ties at

midnight last night.

Smaller opposition parties — the Liberals and the Social Democrats — have also demanded that the government explain how a young policeman was shot outside the Libyan mission and her killer allowed to go free.

The police siege of the mission ended on Friday with the simultaneous return home of the embassy staff and of British diplomats in Tripoli. It began on April 17 when policewoman Yvonne Fletcher was killed in a burst of gunfire that witnesses said came from an embassy window. She had been shepherding a demonstration by opponents of Gaddafi. (AP, Reuters)

Boy shot, police bombed in new Punjab violence

NEW DELHI. — Suspected Sikh terrorists shot and killed a teenage boy and hurled a homemade bomb at a paramilitary police patrol, wounding five persons, Punjab state officials reported yesterday.

The authorities, meanwhile, extended a night curfew for a week in Chandigarh, 250 kilometres north of the Indian capital. A ban on public assembly of more than four persons also was extended until May 18.

The curfew was ordered in Chandigarh, joint capital of Punjab and Haryana states, earlier this month after the assassination of Hindu leader Inder Pal Gupta triggered street violence.

Three paramilitary troops and two passersby were injured in the bomb blast late Saturday in Bhatinda district, 260 kilometres northwest of New Delhi, state police said. The attackers escaped on a motorcycle.

An unidentified boy was shot and killed by Sikh gunmen in Faridkot district, near the border with Pakistan, the police said. No arrest was immediately reported.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's son Rajiv visited Chandigarh yesterday in defiance of threats by Sikh extremists to kill him.

Rajiv, 39, a former international airline pilot, dismissed the threats

against him as an irritant. "If one worries about such things one can't work," he told reporters.

He called for an end to restrictions preventing policemen from entering worship places like the Golden Temple, the holiest Sikh shrine.

Rajiv, one of five secretaries-general of Gandhi's Congress (I) Party and regarded as her political heir apparent, said that from May 15 hundreds of small meetings would be held throughout the region to restore communal harmony.

He said violence had not yet become a problem between Sikhs and Hindus, but warned: "We must do

everything we can to stop it from becoming a Sikh-Hindu issue."

Gandhi's Congress Party meanwhile scored an upset victory yesterday in state assembly elections in remote Mizoram territory, where a major guerrilla group had called for a boycott of balloting.

Incomplete returns for the 30-member Mizoram legislature gave the Congress Party 17 seats and the ruling People's Conference, a regional group, eight. Two more races were expected to be decided late yesterday. Election in one constituency was postponed following the assassination of a candidate by separatist rebels. (Reuters, AP)

Bulgarian leader's kin tied with South African arms deal

LONDON (AP). — The son-in-law of Bulgaria's president has been involved in arms deals with South Africa, *The Observer* weekly reported yesterday.

The newspaper also alleged that an Austrian, a West German now living in Florida, and a former Nigerian army officer were involved.

The weekly said that Ivan Slavkov, head of the Bulgarian Olympic Committee and son-in-law of President Todor Zhivkov, obtained Soviet-made arms for South Africa to supply anti-Marxist guerrillas in Angola and Mozambique from 1978 to 1980.

The trade conflicts with the UN-imposed embargo on arms sales to South Africa because of the racial segregation policies of its White-minority government. South Africa is excluded from the Olympics for the same reason.

The Observer said that Slavkov directed the transactions through Wilhelm Weiss, an Austrian businessman in Vienna, and Peter Mulack, a businessman in Frankfurt. It said Weiss was interviewed but Mulack, now living reclusively in Miami, refused to talk. Mulack was involved in smuggling guns to Ireland for the IRA, opposed to British rule in Northern Ireland, in 1973, the weekly said.

Weiss was quoted as saying that South Africa preferred foreign arms for the deal because its own are of types used by Nato. A meeting to settle for the first shipment of some 100,000 Soviet-made rocket launchers, rifles, mines and grenades, worth nearly \$5 million, was arranged in the South African embassy in Paris during April 1978, said the report.

Report expected to call for Irish reunification

DUBLIN (Reuters). — Irish political leaders examining ways of ending the violence in Northern Ireland are expected to call for Irish reunification this week when they report their conclusions.

The report from the year-old New Ireland Forum, an initiative by the Dublin government to end the political and sectarian violence in British-ruled Northern Ireland, is expected on Wednesday.

Its findings are still secret, but the main recommendation is widely reported to be the reunification of Ireland in an independent state.

This proposal is certain to be rejected out of hand by the million-strong Protestant majority in Northern Ireland, who wish to remain linked to Britain and are implacably opposed to joining with the overwhelmingly Catholic Irish Republic.

Northern Protestant leaders boycotted the Forum, which was launched in a blaze of publicity last May, calling it a frontal assault on their traditional way of life. Leaders of political parties in the Irish Republic and the mainly Catholic Northern Ireland Social Democratic and Labour Party attended.

The British government is expected to react politely but coolly to the Forum report and reaffirm its stand that Northern Ireland will remain British as long as a majority want it.

Lisbon police seize \$10m. worth of hashish

LISBON (Reuters). — Two and a half tons of hashish with a market value of about \$10 million have been seized after being smuggled into Portugal from Lebanon in three barrels, the police said yesterday.

It is the biggest single haul of drugs in Portugal and it was found in 56 barrels in a warehouse near Lisbon on Friday.

The police said two Portuguese and a Spaniard had been arrested in connection with the seizure.

Italian senator dead

VITERBO, Italy (AP). — The police yesterday morning found the body of a Christian Democrat senator who mysteriously dropped from sight three days earlier, but there was no official word on the cause of his death.

The police said the body of Senator Onio della Porta, 59, was discovered by them at 9:50 a.m. (0750 GMT) in the back seat of his locked car parked off a road outside Viterbo, his hometown.

Police sources said initial indications suggested that Della Porta died of natural causes.

EARTHQUAKE. — A strong earthquake that struck Rome and other central Italian cities yesterday morning injured several persons and damaged buildings in Umbrian hill towns, police in Rome said. They said no deaths were reported in the quake, which measured nearly 6 on the Richter scale.

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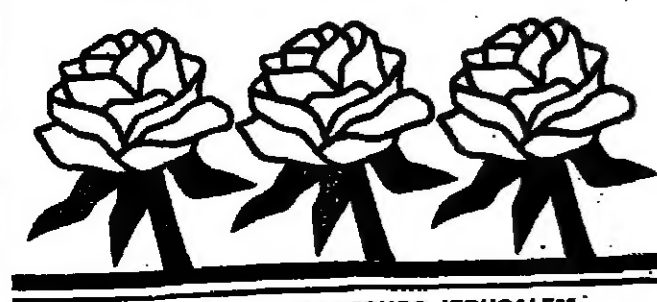
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Audited — In IS Thousands		31.12.83		31.12.82	
Cash and Balances with Bank of Israel and Banks	29,569,322	9,297,566	Capital Funds and Surplus	31,12,83	31,12,82
Securities	11,588,644	4,826,330	Deferred Capital Notes	300,223	175,059
Loans and Bills Discounted and Deposits with Treasury	16,843,247	5,394,657	Minority Rights	1,080,820	349,637
Loans out of Deposits for Loan Purposes	4,952,716	2,524,039	Deposits	418	20
Acceptances	872,828	48,678	Deposits for Loan Purposes	56,895,337	19,049,637
Other Accounts	519,701	102,539	Acceptances	4,967,988	2,533,237
Bank Premises, Equipment and Other Property	276,278	138,140	Other Accounts	872,828	48
	64,622,536	22,331,949		495,121	175
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Condensed Profit and Loss Account — Consolidated for the Year Ending 31.12.1983

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Profit from Operations, before taxation 1,051,051 174,442

Provision for Taxation on Profit from Operations 2,566,334 88,703

Net Profit from Operations 1,051,051 85,739

Extraordinary Income, net after Related Taxation 26,389

Minority Interest in Banking Subsidiary

Net Profit for the Period

THE BATTLE FOR REFORM

The Post's David Krivine talks to Professor Ezra Sohar, a distinguished doctor and founder of the Atzma'ut Party.

EZRA SOHAR, though a distinguished doctor — he heads the Internal Medicine Department at Tel Hashomer and is professor of the same subject at Tel Aviv University — took the trouble of being before the last elections a new political party called Atzma'ut. It failed to win a seat in the Knesset, yet continues to exist and grow. Why another party in Israel when there are so many already?

Sohar: "All the others favour socialism, that is, an absolute government domination of society and the economy. In this respect there is no difference between Labour and the Likud.

"If anything the situation has worsened since the Likud took over. Under Labour the state budget accounted for 75 per cent of the gross national product, today it has crept up to 90 per cent. In no other country are the government's ambitions so unbridled."

On the other hand no other country has such a large import of capital — close to \$5.5b. this year. Government expenditure as a proportion of total resources is surely less mind-boggling. Still: "That's one reason why a new party was needed: to fight for a liberation of the economy from these tentacles," Sohar declares.

"Another reason is the impotence of the single individual in face of the present situation of parties. I have no chance of effectively fighting for my ideas within this regime. The electoral system is at fault, it has become outdated. Our nation does not vote for delegates, but for factions. As a result we have no hand in determining who shall rule our destinies. The choice is made by the party hierarchies.

"Take the situation in the Alignment. All opinion polls reveal that Labour supporters prefer Yitzhak Rabin as their leader. Yet the leader is Shimon Peres, because that's whom the party machine has selected.

"Atzma'ut supports electoral reform. We want an elected president, and personally-elected representatives in a single-chamber parliament."

But Atzma'ut would have even less chance of winning seats in the Knesset under such a system. Sohar smiles: "It doesn't matter, my ambition in life is not to become a parliamentarian. What I desire, for myself and for others, is the opportunity to offer my ideas to the public, and to have a voice in politics proportionate to the support they give me."

HE POINTS to the U.S., whose electoral system he admires. The parties there do not have a rigid and unchanging programme, because the voters choose between candidates with different opinions. "All Republicans belong to the same party, but a Republican administration under Ronald Reagan is not the same as a Republican administration under Nelson Rockefeller. A

Democratic administration under George McGovern is not the same as a Democratic administration under Walter Mondale.

"Contrast that with the situation prevailing in Israel. Labour will go to the polls with exactly the same leadership that lost them the last elections."

Under the constituency system the population can choose not only the party it wants, but how it would like that party to conduct itself. "In America, congressmen tend to vote as their constituents wish, not as the party caucus dictates."

But does this not lead to conspicuous waste? Congressmen press for the construction of bridges, airfields and other often superfluous utilities to show how they are fighting for local interests.

Sohar: "Is there no conspicuous waste under the Israeli system? You'll agree with me that when it comes to overspending, we can compete with the best of them."

There has been a collapse of values in Israel, he believes. More people are leaving the country, less new immigrants are coming in. "The cause," he says, "is not the failure of Zionism, it is the failure of socialism."

DR. SOHAR'S formative years were spent in a Hasidic town, Kibbutz Mishmar Ha'emek. "I read Karl Marx before I read the Bible," he recalls.

"A socialist society is one in which the economy is run by politicians. Marx thought that would be a good thing, he believed that the people's representatives would care for society and not for their own selves. That was his mistake.

"You remember Sapir's jocular boast that he had created 2,000 millionaires in Israel? I don't know why that should have been necessary, but there is something he didn't say which is much worse: the millionaires he created are going to stay millionaires for good."

"Look at Ata Textiles, which has lost \$20m. Instead of letting the firm pay the price of its inefficiency, the government comes to the rescue. Scared of unemployment, they bolster up heavy cost concerns that should be allowed to close down.

According to Sohar the operation of the economy ought to be left to the interplay of market forces. Government intervention can only distort. The biggest distortion is the breach of the traditional connection between income and hard work. In the old days one earned money by the sweat of one's brow. Now there is an easier way, to sponge on the authorities.



Ezra Sohar... "failure of socialism, not Zionism."

Sohar: "Tel Aviv's mayor 'Chiech' Lahat says that his job is not to scrutinize budgets but to build Tel Aviv. Let me translate that. What he implies is that he'll spend what he likes and the government will bail him out."

"The result: town-dwellers appoint not the mayor who will save the taxpayer's money but the one who will most successfully blackmail the Treasury into covering his deficits. That same Lahat threatened to spend the night on a camp-bed outside Begin's office (when Begin was prime minister), until the government coughed up."

"Each municipality should be a closed economic unit, financing its expenditure out of its own revenues. Once the government makes that clear the residents will choose for their leader the person who can get the most done with the least taxes."

WHAT ELSE would Sohar's party do if it were in power?

"Abolish income tax."

Would that not widen the budget deficit?

"Not at all, because we would at the same time abolish all subsidies, thus saving expenditure."

"The absence of income tax would constitute a far greater incentive to invest and expand than the arbitrary benefits at present dispensed," he says, "in a time-wasting and bureaucratic manner by government officials."

Second, the costs system would be rationalized. He explains: "Let me quote Abraham Suharni. His company, Elscint (one of Israel's most successful enterprises in the field of high technology), owns plants both in Israel and the U.S. Suharni says that an engineer costs him \$40,000 a year in Israel and \$40,000 a year in the States.

"But the Israeli engineer receives

only \$10,000 of that after tax and other deductions, whereas the American gets \$34,000. In other words every dollar of net money that Suharni gives to his Israeli engineer costs his company four dollars.

"Or let me quote Aryeh Feingold, an Israeli, formerly a parachutist in our armed forces, who left for the U.S. and now possesses a factory called Daisy in Silicon Valley. The paper Ma'ariv reported last February how President Reagan introduced him to the Queen of England during her American visit, as an example of the entrepreneurial spirit."

"According to Feingold, employing an engineer in Israel costs one-and-a-half times what it costs to employ one in America. Yet the American engineer gets in take-home pay one-and-a-half times what the Israeli engineer gets."

"Faced with these figures, where would you invest, in Israel or in Silicon Valley?"

Nevertheless the complaint is often heard that thanks to the Encouragement of Investment Law, industrial firms in Israel often do not pay any income tax at all.

"Ah, but their employees do, and they carry other burdens also. An Elscint staff-member goes to his dentist. The dentist has to pay 80 per cent of his takings in tax (66 per cent income tax plus 15 per cent VAT).

"No one can afford such deductions. What does the dentist do? He passes the cost on to his patient. If the patient proceeds to buy a pair of shoes, he will be charged the shoemaker's tax as well, and so on." The salary that Elscint provides has to cover all these expensive contingencies.

ELIMINATE income tax in Israel and everything falls into place. Nobody will ask for subsidies any more, for a start. And there will be other economies: 4,500 tax-collectors will be made redundant, not to mention the lawyers and tax-consultants and policemen and court officials and gaolers whose services will no longer be required. The economy will be able to expand again.

There will of course be an intervening period of hardship. Obsolete undertakings which are propped up by government will close down once those props are removed. In due course the labour released will be absorbed in growth sectors, but meanwhile unemployment is likely to worsen and the authorities will be short of funds.

Sohar has a remedy for that too: sell off state-owned enterprises like Israel Railways (which can no longer transport all of Israel's imported grain because the government doesn't allow it to replace its worn-out freight-wagons). Sell off El Al, Dead Sea Works and others. These organizations will be better run in private hands, and the money gained on the sale will help the government to meet its commitments, including debt payments to the (temporarily) jobless.

Will the cancellation of subsidies really make up for the loss of a big revenue item like income tax, due to bring in this year all of IS730b? It depends how one defines subsidies. If all superfluous government activities can be classified under that head, there is plenty of subsidy expenditure to be saved, since Sohar would chop down a good many ministries to near-skeletal size.

The Housing Ministry is unnecessary, for one. If the government, which is the country's great landowner, made plots available in the

Galilee and the Negev at their true market value, which is practically zero, people would build their own houses in those underpopulated areas.

Another superfluous department, in his view, is the Immigrant Absorption Ministry. Newcomers should receive a one-time loan from the Jewish Agency to aid in their settlement. If they stay seven years, half the loan becomes a grant; and that's enough. Customs rebates only encourage illegal re-sale transactions. New settlers should make up their own minds where to live, they should not be designated to particular shikunim or particular areas by petty officials.

THE INFLATED medical administration needs to be broken up. Kupat Holim and other sick funds should be replaced by a national health insurance scheme covering everybody. The organization would be financial only: it would pay the doctors, it wouldn't employ them.

Patients would choose their own practitioners, as in private medicine. The fee would be paid by the central authority. Clinics and hospitals would be run in the same way, receiving payment for services rendered under competitive conditions prevailing in the open market.

Says Sohar: "I don't know of any country in the West where X-ray facilities and operating-theatres function only six hours a day, as is the case in Israel." That is what happens when the link between effort-put-in and payment-received is severed. "There are no incentives to work. People get paid for tenure, for seniority, for just being on the staff — for anything you like except output."

He gives an example: "In Beilinson Hospital the X-ray department couldn't keep up with the demand. Waiting-lists lengthened and treatment got held up. An arrangement was negotiated to pay the X-ray technicians overtime. Fortunately — by some oversight — the overtime was paid in accordance not with hours worked but with photos produced.

"Result: the number of X-rays done in extra time exceeded the number done during the regular working-day."

Resources are everywhere under-employed. The result is that "patients have to wait a year for an operation. You can imagine what underhand devices they get up to in order to secure preference and speed up their surgery. Orwell's dictum is coming true in this field: all men are equal, but some are more equal than others."

EDUCATION: "I'm against Zevulun Hammer — or Ora Namir for that matter — laying down what our children shall learn. Just as the government ought not to run hospitals, it shouldn't run schools either. The Education Ministry's job is to supervise and set standards, that is all.

"Schools should be owned by private or voluntary organizations. The children would pay their fees with vouchers issued by the government. The authorities would fix a minimum list of subjects that must be taught. Textbooks, teaching methods, extra subjects — these should be left to the decision of the school board.

"Such a reform would lead first and foremost to a significant improvement of schooling in the poorest districts. The fact is that under the existing so-called egalitarian system, the poor suffer and don't get their money's worth. This is true in all countries where the state-run system prevails."

Let the people choose — their doctor, their clinic, their children's school. Let those services compete for the public's custom. Productivity will rise, costs will fall and everybody will be better off, Sohar is convinced.

The public service is overblown. Its employees currently number 400,000, or one-third more than the number of workers in industry. A good many are doing necessary jobs — the schoolteachers, the policemen, the social workers. But many sectors are overmanned. "Professor Shmuel Pohoryles (head of the government's Joint Agricultural Planning Authority) points out that we have more officials in the country's agricultural establishment than we have farmers," Sohar observes.

"This is what occurs when politicians run everything." The economy must be emancipated from their grip. It is a world problem. All countries are affected to a greater or lesser degree, and all are having second thoughts about the boons of socialism. The change is reflected in the shift to right-wing policies under Reagan in the U.S. and still more under Thatcher in Britain. "There is no doubt that since those statesmen came on the scene the economic situation in their respective countries has taken a turn for the better and morale has improved."

What about the huge growth of unemployment since the Conservatives took over in Britain? Sohar comes up with another pat answer: "If Thatcher had not become prime minister, unemployment there would be worse still."

The task is to liberate the economy from official control. The alternative, he maintains dramatically, is increased bureaucracy, which means a remorseless decline towards corruption, violence, protectionism and, in Israel's case, flight from the country. □

FESTIVAL AT EIN-GEV — Pesach 1984 (ESCO) (Sat, April 14-22).

THE ONLY really festive aspect of Pesach Week at Ein Gev was the weather — sunny but pleasantly cool with the air perfumed by spring flowers. But holiday-makers were let out in numbers around the lake, and the audiences in the hall were not so big.

I could not attend the opening event, a performance by the Kibbutz Dance Company. It included the premiere of *Death comes to the Wooden Horse*, Michael, choreographed by Rami Beer, for which Moshe MarHaim wrote the music.

On Friday night, the Nelp and Jarlow Choirs from London, conducted by Michael Kibbiewhite, presented a programme mostly of music for Easter. Motets by Maurice

A sense of regret

MUSIC/Yohanan Boehm

Durufle (b. 1902), a chorale by Bach, and music by Purcell, Bruckner and Vaughan Williams served to show the sound training and harmonious balance of the combined choirs without exciting much interest. Two Motets by Tchaikovsky (sung in unintelligible Russian) and three boring songs by Parry (1848-1918) led

finally to five British folksongs. Bach, which ended the concert on a more cheerful note.

The best programme was undoubtedly *Clowns and Other Fools*, choreographed by Lotte Goslar and danced by members of the Bat-Sheva Dance Company (Saturday, April 21). This light entertainment

was full of humour and was delightful. Bat-Sheva also performed works by Paul Taylor (*Espianade*), Alvin Ailey (*Adventures*) and Gene Hill Sagan (*Sigh*) which seemed beautifully executed and offered some musical interest with tapes of Bach violin concertos, and the Tallis Variations by Vaughan Williams. In the last piece, the Alvin Ailey work, the music by Max Roach consisted mostly of percussions running wild and merciless saxophone squeaking with dancers running around and rolling all over the floor. It all seemed very American and not for this critic who is no expert on modern dance.

The final festival night (Sunday, April 22) was, as usual in this festival, reserved for popular music. Hava

Alberstein and Arik Sinai were billed, but even they did not draw the full house customary for programmes of this kind. The stage was crowded with loudspeakers, electric guitars, percussions galore, and several keyboard instruments, mostly linked up to the public address equipment managed by a technician in the middle of the hall who must have been hard-of-hearing.

Electronic sound augmentation distorted everything, with Hava Alberstein's voice going from an

inaudible whisper to shrieking noises, and Arik Sinai's words reduced to mumbling. But it did not seem to matter to the audience, as every beginning was greeted with applause and every delivery gratefully if not enthusiastically acknowledged at the end. Remembering folkloristic programmes of the past, this writer regretted the commercialization and electrification of originally nice and pleasant offerings.

One left the hospitable shores of

the Kinneret and the still unspoiled beauty of Ein Gev and its environs with regret and some longing for the beautiful events of past years and the great programmes that made the Ein Gev Festival a highlight of the artistic season.

Some serious stock-taking should be done to save the Ein Gev Festival from further decline. Every festival passes through phases of crisis, and a review of past experience and the present situation may lead to a rejuvenation of this lovable event.

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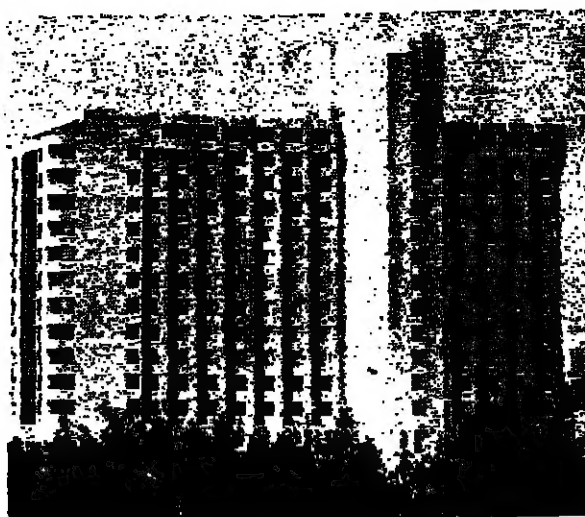
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Birth of a luxury hotel

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The first impression is one of luxury — and it's correct. The Ramada Renaissance, the second hotel to open its doors for business on the hospitality plantation adjacent to the entrance to Jerusalem, is in every sense except one, a luxury hotel. The exception is the very low bed and breakfast tariff.

Unfortunately, the bargain rate is only temporary, a special concession during the running-in period, when guests are given the most popular incentive for turning a blind eye and a deaf ear to faults in the system. Guests who stayed during Passover week paid even less — only \$25 — because construction was still incomplete and they weren't getting everything promised in the hotel brochure.

So why open ahead of time? "No hotel waits for bookings until the last nail is driven in," says general manager Rico (Lazar) Rosenthal. "You start operating as soon as you can. All the guest services except the pool were open." Service is one thing, but image is another. Seen on a tour of the premises last week were residential floors still uncarpeted, wires protruding from the walls, painters and construction crews working on the staircases and pool areas. The place didn't look ready past the ground floor, but despite that, it exuded class. Flanked on one side by Herzl Boulevard and Wolfson Street on the other, the 16-storey edifice overlooks the Knesset, the Kirya, the Bank of Israel, the Givat Ram campus of the Hebrew University, the Israel Museum — and its pioneer competitor, the Jerusalem Hilton.

Some years ago, when this reporter complained to Hilton public relations manager Frank Nothmann that the Hilton was too isolated, he replied that other hotels spring up wherever there's a Hilton.

On the Israel scene, the truth of that statement can be seen in both Tel Aviv and Jerusalem. The stretch of hotels along the beachfront from North Tel Aviv to Jaffa is an almost

unbroken chain. Together with hotels still under construction, the capital at its point of entry, has eight hotels, one of them sharing space with a projected airline terminal.

Considering its size and the general pace of progress in Israel, the Ramada Renaissance has thus far not caused its American and Israeli investors too many headaches. The hotel took less than three years to build and according to marketing and sales director Masayon Lowenthal, is booked solid for May and September, October and November. Summer bookings are still weak, but Lowenthal looks on the bright side and says that summer will be an opportunity to introduce the hotel to the local market.

There's no disguising the fact that the Ramada Renaissance was designed as a convention centre — not that Rosenthal, Lowenthal or public relations manager Ruth Ablesah try to pretend differently. How many other Israeli hotels have the ballroom, the foyer and three of five conference rooms leading straight off the entrance lobby next to the

reception desk? Better still, the ballroom is accessible from two different points in the lobby — one direct and the other via the Bat Sheva foyer. This facilitates entry on the part of head table VIPs as a united group, instead of stragglers separated by the crowd.

Architect Benjamin Shoshani must have made a thorough study of the pros and cons of other hotels to have done so well with this one. Inasmuch as possible, the structure is infused with natural light. All public areas are characterized by huge picture windows framed by rosewood panelling, lacquered wood or rose-tinted linen wall panels. The natural light also adds its own dramatic impact to the copper ceilings.

The groundfloor level coffee shop, resplendent with palm fronds and velvet upholstery looks out over the tree-lined section of Wolfson Street, and anyone who sits there for too long, will easily forget that they're near the edge of two of the main traffic arteries in a capital city. The trees, the light and interior decorator Buky Zucker's inspired

decor combine to convey a resort-style ambience.

One floor below the entrance lobby is the Delilah Bar and the main dining room with seating capacity for 500 people. A rosewood and mirror paneled screen separates the dining room from the kitchen and simultaneously creates an effect of added grandeur via repeated mirror images. A door at the far end of the dining room opens onto an enormous patio that will be used for folklore evenings and other outdoor activities in the summer months. The patio leads to the outdoor swimming pool that is also accessible from the street.

But the indoor pool, which together with jacuzzi, wet and dry saunas, fully equipped exercise room and natural food bar is part of the Ramada Renaissance's year-round recreation centre, is what will really bring the crowds flocking. With barely a footmark on the welcome mat, the hotel is already under siege by fitness fiends who don't mind paying \$600 for a half year membership, which also includes the use (for an extra \$100) of the full-sized professional tennis court.

Appreciating that \$600 is a large sum for the average Israeli, Rosenthal is in the process of working out some kind of special credit card system for monthly payments. When families join up, the spouse pays \$500 and each child aged from 4 to 18, \$300.

The Ramada Renaissance is one of the few local hotels with an air conditioning system in the public toilets. Generally speaking, powder rooms are hot and airless and not really conducive to freshening up. All doorways to public toilets and private bathrooms are wide enough for wheelchair access. All public areas can be reached both by elevator and staircase, and as already noted, most are at ground floor level.

A series of interconnecting doors in guests' rooms facilitates the expansion of two-room suites into six-room suites.

The shining stainless steel kitchen complex has been designed for maximum efficiency and strict separation of meat and dairy preparations.

All of the 25 waiters who will dance attendance on the guests par-

ticipated in a 4½ month in-house training course as soon as they received their army discharge on completion of compulsory service.

Management cleverly entered into a deal whereby all the guest performers at the Israel Festival and the visitors to the Jerusalem Film Festival will be accommodated at the Ramada Renaissance. The presence of entertainment luminaries and internationally reputed cinema buffs (and possibly stars) will undoubtedly attract a large dose of media attention and will give the hotel the right kind of publicity.

Meanwhile Lowenthal is not resting on her laurels. She's busy aiming for main target groups of incentive tours, conventions and pilgrims. The bulk of the bookings in hand are from America, but agreements have recently been concluded with tour wholesalers in Switzerland, West Germany, Britain and France. Lowenthal anticipates that within a year, there will be as many visitors from Europe as from America, and is certain that the indoor recreation centre will attract many tourists who previously by-passed Jerusalem in the winter season.



ISRAEL LANDS ADMINISTRATION Tel Aviv District

Offer of Lease on 3 Plots in Or Yehuda, for the Construction of 4 Housing Units on Each Plot

Bids are invited from those interested in signing a development agreement in respect of the areas detailed below, the particulars of which at the time of publication of this notice, are as follows:

Tender	Block	Plot	Approx. area	Total building percentage on 2 floors	Minimum price	Deposit
10/84/ta	8225	70	740 sq.m.	70	IS 4,784,158	IS 250,000
11/84/ta	8227	164	800 sq.m.	70	IS 5,013,704	IS 250,000
12/84/ta	8223	9	560 sq.m.	70	IS 3,379,977	IS 200,000

Details, sample agreements and bid forms are available at our Tel Aviv district office, 116 Derech Petah Tikva (East Kalkalel) Tel Aviv, during working hours.
Last date for submitting bids: May 28, 1984 (12 noon). A bid not found in the tenders box when it is opened, whatever the reason, cannot be considered.
No undertaking is given to accept the highest or any bid.

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Offer of Lease on Plot for the Construction of a Swimming Pool, Pool Services, Cafe and Restaurant in the Rishon LeZion Sand Dunes — Tender 1/84/C

In cooperation with Arim, Municipal Development Co. Ltd., the Israel Lands Administration invites bids for the long term lease a plot of land for the construction of the above. At the time of publication of the tender, the details of the plot are as follows:

Block	Parcel	Plot	Approx. area	Infrastructure levy*	Minimum price	Deposit
3946	102	Kaf Vav	4,300 sq.m.	IS 16,453,200	IS 19,831,194	IS 1,000,000

* Linked to the index for February 1984, to be paid separately to the Arim Co.
The tender brochure and further details are available at our Central District office, 88 Derech Petah Tikva, Tel Aviv (Floor A).
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ISRAEL LANDS ADMINISTRATION Haifa District

Offer of Lease on 2 Plots for the Construction of 2 Housing Units on each Plot — Pardess Hanna — Tender 9/84/H

Bids are invited from those interested in signing a development agreement in respect of two plots, the details of which at the time the tender is published are as follows:

Block	Parcel	Approx. area	Total gross licensed area on 2 floors	Minimum price	Deposit
10107	86	1,199 sq.m.	360 sq.m.	IS 7,888,695	IS 400,000
10104	128	1,268 sq.m.	380 sq.m.	IS 9,203,478	IS 400,000

Details, sample agreements and bid forms are available at our Haifa district office, 13 Rehov Ha'atama'ut, Haifa, during regular working hours.
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UNACUSTOMED as they are to public speaking, the voice of the female half of the population is hardly heard in this country. However, there is an organization teaching women in Israel to speak up—at least in English. Chapters of the International Toastmistress Club have been formed in Netanya and Ra'anana and their leaders are enthusiastic about the organization's prospects here.

Joyce Miller, founder-president of the Netanya chapter, says the aim of Toastmistresses is to teach women to speak clearly, eloquently and to the point in exercises during chapter meetings.

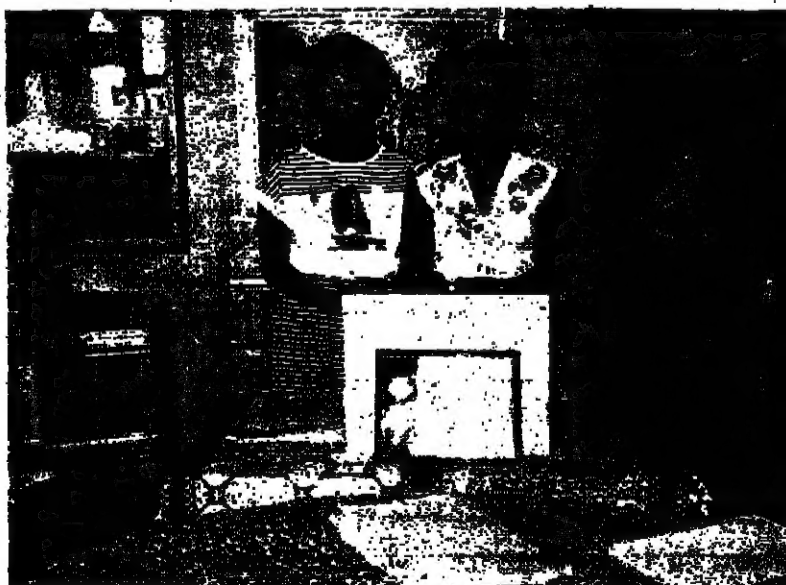
Miller, who came on aliyah from South Africa two years ago, looked around for a Toastmistress club and found there was none to join. Her solution was to start a club with a nucleus of former South African friends and neighbours.

"It took a little time," she recalls, "but with each meeting interest grew. We have members who could hardly give their own names in public. Today they can stand up and speak on any subject."

What is the method used in such a metamorphosis? First of all, there is the Toastmistress manual that provides a step-by-step approach to public speaking. The manual pro-

Speak easy

Sheila Meltzer learns about the Israeli Toastmistress Club.



Toastmistress par excellence — Joyce Miller (right).

vides "clear, logical methods for improving speaking skills," says Miller.

Some of the exercises include impromptu talks, "not less than two minutes, not more than 10" on a subject given by the chapter president, which is then evaluated by the other members. In other exercises, members speak on prepared speeches on various themes that require research.

Israel's second Toastmistress club was founded in Ra'anana by zabeth Schneider-Kaplan, another immigrant from South Africa.

"Toastmistress is an ideal organization for helping new immigrants from English-speaking countries to find friends and a framework," says Miller. "But we are aiming at opening Hebrew-speaking clubs and with this in mind, we are seeking native Israelis who speak English to join and eventually open their own clubs."

"We would like to see Toastmistress clubs all over the country, am sure there are many former Toastmistresses living in Israel who would be happy to rejoin or help found new clubs," Miller says. "We will gladly do everything we can to help."

Women who are interested can contact Miller at 053-30818 or Ellen Price at 053-42226.

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Barclays Discount had IS\$34m. profit

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV — The net consolidated profit of Barclays Discount Bank, adjusted for inflation under Advisory Opinion 25, came to IS\$34 million in 1983, an equivalent of \$215,000.

However, if the profits are not adjusted for inflation, they came to IS\$131 million, which is a 54 per cent increase over 1982. This means that the bank's profits were considerably higher than in 1982.

Total consolidated assets grew by 189.4 per cent and came to IS\$64.6 billion. If the index is deducted, the real growth is 5.3 per cent.

The network has 72 branches, 27 of which are in the Arab sector.

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Your money and your questions

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN
QUESTION: I am a recent immigrant who purchased his home with dollars brought from overseas. I have just sold my home and received \$20,000 worth of shekels more than my original purchase price. My bank will only convert shekels into dollars up to the amount which I originally converted. Are they right, or am I entitled to convert to foreign currency the total proceeds of the sale?

ANSWER: You may convert the full amount of the sale into dollars. When making the reversion you must bring to the bank slips showing that you previously sold foreign currency. Also, the reversion should be made at the same bank and preferably at the same branch.

QUESTION: Can you name some of the world's stock exchanges which are enjoying upward trends now?

ANSWER: A few days ago the Financial Times index of 30 shares reached a new all-time high. The London Stock Exchange is very buoyant and regardless of the coal miners' strike, expectations are for further gains. The Tokyo exchange is also at or near all-time highs. Expectations there too are for further advances.

QUESTION: Are there any foreign currency denominated bonds which Israelis are allowed to buy?

ANSWER: Treasury notes and Eurobonds have been removed by the Treasury as investments by Israelis. There are a number of dollar denominated bonds listed on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. There is also

dollar convertible debenture listed on the American Stock Exchange which is approved for investment.

QUESTION: I have to make monthly payments for the shekel equivalent of \$250. Am I allowed to give fixed instructions to my bank to make such payments on the first of each month?

ANSWER: At least one bank has recently announced that it is accepting fixed payment instructions for shekel equivalents of dollar amounts. I think that most banks are prepared to accept such instructions.

QUESTION: We have received what seems to us a good offer for our apartment. Could you help us with some ideas on how to evaluate this offer?

ANSWER: Traditionally real estate has been the best investment in Israel. However, this has not been the case in recent years, although the belief persists. It seems that the days of rapidly rising real estate prices are over. There is little demand for housing. Housing starts in the past decade have dropped from some 70,000 a year to 26,000 units. There is no immigration to speak of which could fuel demand for real estate.

Sardine fishermen face cheap imports

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA — The sardine fishing season started last week, several weeks late because of the unseasonably cold weather. But when the men landed their first catches they found the sardine industry unwilling to buy them, the secretary of the Fishermen's Union, Itamar Katz, said yesterday.

"Without our knowledge the ministry on January 1 cancelled the \$1.10 per kilogram levy it had imposed last autumn on imported canned sardines in order to give our fisheries a chance," Katz said.

The importers, however, were

better informed and ordered a large quantity of canned sardines and similar products at dumping prices from the Far East and Portugal, he added.

As a result local fishermen have no hope of competing and the canners refuse to buy the men's catches. The union yesterday cabled the trade and agriculture ministries asking them to reimpose the levy. The union also wants the levy raised to at least \$1.50 and insists that it be imposed on all stocks still in bonded warehouses, the secretary said.

He recalled that the levy was imposed last year only after the men had thrown tons of sardines back into the sea.

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
8.40 School Broadcasts 15.00 The NDF Exhibition 1983 15.30 Young Notes 15.45 Follow Me — English for Adults 16.00 The Heart 16.25 Rehov Sumsum 17.00 A New Evening — live magazine
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Blood and Honour (part 4)
ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
18.32 Programme Trailer
18.35 Sports
19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup
20.05 Pillar of Fire (part 18)
21.00 Mabat Newsreel
21.30 Are You Being Served? — comedy series: Forward Mr. Granger
22.00 This is the Time
22.45 Target — action series: Vandragers
23.35 News
JORDAN TV (unofficial):
17.30 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 18.30 (JTV) Science Film 19.00 News in French 19.30 News in Hebrew 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 The Jewel in the Crown 21.00 Doctor at Large 22.00 News in English 22.15 Verdi
MIDDLE EAST TV (from T.A. north):
13.00 Shape-Up 13.30 Insight 14.00 Another Life 14.30 700 Club 15.00 Afternoon Movie 16.30 Spiderman 17.00 Popeye 17.30 Super Book 18.00 Laramie 19.00 Bonanza 20.00 Another Life 20.30 World News Tonight 21.00 Entertainment Special WKRP Cincinnati 21.30 NBA Basketball 22.34 700 Club 23.34 News Update

Festival — Stockholm: Lucifer's Requiem: Manuel Hidalgo: Harjo 19.05 Schumann: Violin Sonata in A minor: Smetana: String Quartet No. 2: Mendelssohn: Songs Without Words 20.30 Saarland Symphony Orchestra: Peter Onckel conducting, with Ardi Quartet — Johannes Brahms: Crossroads for Orchestra 1983; Schoenberg: Concerto for String Quartet and Orchestra (after Handel's Concerto Grosso, Op. 4 No. 7); Bach-Webern: Ricercare for 6 voices from Musical Offering; Steve Reich: Psalms
23.00 Jazz Improvisations

First Programme
6.03 Programmes for Olim
7.30 Morning Concert (from Voice of Music)
9.30 Encounter — live family magazine
10.30 Programme in Easy Hebrew
11.00 School Broadcasts
11.30 Education for all
12.05 Guest for an Hour
13.00 News in English
13.30 News in French
14.05 Children's programmes
15.35 Notes on a New Book
16.05 Am Yehel Ha — Jewish Communities in Israel and the diaspora
17.12 Jewish Ideas
17.20 Everyman's University
18.05 Afternoon Classics
18.47 Bible Reading
19.05 Reflections on the Portion of the Week
19.30 Programmes for Olim
22.05 Every Man has a Star — with astrologist Dan Pecker

Second Programme
6.12 Gymnastics
6.30 Editorial drivers
6.53 Green Light — drivers' corner
7.00 This Morning — news magazine
8.05 Safe Journey
9.05 House Call — with Rivka Michaeli
10.10 All Shades of the Network — morning magazine
12.05 Open Line — news and music
13.00 Midday — news, commentary, music
14.10 A Taste of Honey — with Dan Kaner
15.00 Safe Journey
17.10 Economics Magazine
17.30 Of Men and Figures
18.15 Consumer Broadcast
18.45 Today in Sport
19.05 Today — radio newsreel
19.30 Law and Justice Magazine
20.05 Cantorial Music
22.05 Folk songs
23.05 Treasure Hunt

Army
6.05 Morning Sounds
7.02 "707" — with Alex Anski
8.05 Morning Newsreel
9.05 Right Now — with Michael Handelsztajn
11.05 Israeli Spring — with Eli Yisraeli
13.05 Two Lines
15.05 What's Wrong? — with Erez Tal
16.05 Four in the Afternoon
17.05 Evening Newsreel
18.05 Army and Defence Magazine
19.05 Music Today — music magazine
20.05 Golden Oldies Parade
21.00 Mabat — TV Newsreel
21.35 Israeli songs
22.05 Popular songs
23.05 A Sympathetic Ear (repeat)
00.05 Night Birds — songs, chat

TUESDAY

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL:
8.40 School Broadcasts 15.00 Everyman's University: Emerging African Nationalism in the Age of Technology; Viewpoint 16.00 Touch 16.30 Pretty Butterfly 17.00 A New Evening — live magazine
CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES:
17.30 Blood and Honour (part 5)
ARABIC LANGUAGE programmes:
18.30 News roundup
18.32 Youth Magazine
19.00 Documentary
19.30 News
HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup
20.02 Near Ours and Dear Ours — Israeli series about relatives who live in the same apartment building: Starring Hanna Maron, Yehoram Golan, Liora Rivlin, Ilan Dar and Tiki Dayan
20.30 Kolobek
21.00 Mabat Newsreel
21.30 Second Look
22.10 OB VII. Final episode of a 6-part drama series based on Leon Uris' bestseller. Starring Lee Remick and Ben Gazzara
23.30 Sofa Discussion — with Dr. Raphaela Bisky
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Symphony No. 1: Schubert: The Earl King, Op. 1; Dvorak: Slavonic Dance No. 1; Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 1; Haydn: Piano Concerto No. 1; Donizetti, Puccini, Mozart, Rossini, Gounod, Offenbach, Mussorgsky and Smetana
16.00 Mozart: Ave Verum: Pachelbel: Canon: Halm Alexander: 2 Israeli Dances: Rachmaninov: Rhapsody: Rameau: La Lingerie (Rampall); Albinoni: Adagio; Schubert: Song: Haydn: Rondo; Chopin: Nocturne: Faure: Excerpt from Requiem 17.00 Mozart: Piano Concerto in E-flat major, K. 271 (Murray Perahia); Schubert: Symphony No. 8 (Bostons); Jochum; Bach: Final Chorus from St. Matthew's Passion; Mendelssohn: Violin Concerto (Shlomo Mintz, Chicago, Abadov); Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 5 (Harrell, Ashkenazy); Brahms: Symphony No. 3 (Vienna Philharmonic, Bernstein); 20.00 The Producers of The Voice of Music in the Studio
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The banks and their woes

THE LOSSES shown in the financial statements of the country's major banks for 1983 come as no surprise. Nor is it a surprise that, when things go badly, the partners to misfortune should throw recriminations at each other. Thus, the banks blame the government, and Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad says that the people who run the banks, and not the government, are responsible for the banks' losses.

Both are right — which only demonstrates that both have been wrong for a long time. When the bank share bubble burst last October, harsh reality invaded the fools' paradise in which the banks had been living for years. The symbiotic relationship between the government and the commercial banks provided everybody involved with the expectation of a free lunch. There were the so-called investors, who bought bank shares at prices that only went up. There were the banks themselves, which by pushing their share prices up constantly managed to float new capital issues. And there was the government, which, with the central bank, connived in all this because it was the ultimate recipient of most of the savings raised by such false expectations on the capital market.

The bubble had to burst sooner or later. There is no doubt that the "proper economics" of then finance minister Yoram Aridor was the immediate cause. This policy kept the shekel overvalued, caused a devaluation scare and a run from shekel deposits into foreign currency, thus blasting to smithereens the illusion of ever-rising capital profits from bank shares. There is also no doubt that the rude awakening would have come eventually even if that policy had not been as wrong-headed as it was.

Part of the banks' losses will no doubt be recouped if and when they are refunded the tax advances on profits that did not exist. Another part — no one can tell how big it will be — may come from the efficiency measures the banks say they are taking. And a further part will come from higher charges to the public for the many banking services which are virtually compulsory, such as the universal payment of salaries into current accounts.

The expected improvement in the banks' profitability will no doubt redound not only to their benefit, but to that of the economy as a whole. Foreign banks and foreign depositors may be persuaded that things are not as bad as they seem, and that they can safely continue to trust Israel's commercial banking system.

That is fine, particularly since the commercial banking system has come to fulfil an increasingly important role in mobilizing foreign currency for the Israel economy. A large and increasing part of its symbiotic relationship with the government has been predicated on its ability to do so.

However, the question raised by the bank share debacle is that of control. The government is being called to account. The elections are, in large part, a calling to account for the very economic policies that Bank Leumi chairman Ernest Japhet has decried. But how and by whom are the banks called to account?

In a market economy, normally the shareholders of an enterprise call their directors to account. The vast majority of the shareholders in Israeli banks have no voting rights. They cannot call anyone to account. And those institutional shareholders with voting rights have been shown to lack the capability of control, as the Levinson case, for example, made plain.

The only truly privately owned bank among the big three, Discount Bank, is responsible to the family which owns it, not to the thousands who have invested their savings in its shares.

Given the dominance of the commercial banks in the economy, and their virtual non-accountability to the public, the Bank of Israel would be the proper agency to exercise strict and tight control on behalf of that public. But the Bank of Israel has for a generation adopted an attitude of "live and let live." Its controlling function has been barely visible. In fact it can be argued that it was subservient to the commercial banks, rather than intent on making them subject to its supervision.

There is urgent need, therefore, for a thorough review of the interdependence of the government — specifically, the Treasury — and the commercial banks. A perusal of the State Comptroller's reports over many years would show that this is long overdue.

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the settlements. Shamir and other cabinet figures tried, after condemning the terror attempt, to play down the significance of the arrests as proof that there is "an underground." One cabinet source said that "at most, it is possible to speak of underground activity," but not of an underground.

Shamir said during his summing up at the cabinet session that "no body should draw conclusions about the tens of thousands of Jewish settlers because of the arrest of a few people."

Cabinet Secretary Dan Meridor said yesterday that the arrests proved the government's long standing contention that the political views of suspects do not play any role in the government's policy regarding such crimes as the attempted assassination of the West Bank mayors.

As recently as mid-February, Meridor issued a statement rejecting accusations that political ideology affected the determination of Shamir or Defence Minister Moshe Arens to see the perpetrators of crimes brought to justice.

"These investigations are the result of a decision made a long time ago," said Meridor. "It is no accident that led to the abortion of the attempt on the buses. It was no coincidence," he said, indicating that the government set into motion

the investigation resulting in the arrests long ago.

The arrests took place Friday and between Saturday night and Sunday morning, with the last arrest coming yesterday morning in Ofra.

Some political sources in the government have contended that many of the suspects are due to be released "in the near future" and that "most probably won't even be charged." The police requested, however, and got the fullest remand possible of the suspects from magistrates who were brought to the lock-ups in unusual pre-dawn sessions yesterday. All 18 of the suspects have been remanded for 15 days.

Cabinet sources emphasized that "so far all the arrested people are suspects and only the courts can decide whether they are indeed guilty." But police sources were adamant last night that they had indeed exposed "the most professional" of all the various Jewish terror groups uncovered since the beginning of the year.

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Abraham Shapira last night "categorically and totally condemned" the terror attempt. Interviewed by Israel Television, Shapira said that it was unthinkable to spill the blood of innocent neighbours.

The rabbi stressed that he did not know details of the incident, but from a Halachic standpoint, the phenomenon is "very dangerous."

A case to answer

By DAVID RICHARDSON

PERHAPS THE MOST revealing aspect of the weekend arrests of what appears to be one of the largest subversive organizations ever uncovered in Israel has been the reactions of the associates of the arrested persons within the settlement movement and, more particularly, of politicians on the right-wing of the political spectrum.

"Those bombs were not just planted under the buses, but under the entire settlement project in Judea and Samaria," said one obviously stunned resident of Ofra yesterday morning following the arrest of one of his colleagues.

"Of course, these are subversive actions," was the acutely embarrassed admission of MK Gula Cohen of Tebiya in a TV interview on Saturday evening.

But the most revealing response has come from representatives of the Likud itself which, as senior partner in the coalition, has undoubtedly set the tone of this government and its predecessor.

Their embarrassment betrays their obvious political sensitivity to the smashing of an underground organization among their own allies within the Israeli political scene on the eve of general elections.

Of course, if the police and the security services are successful in bringing these arrests and their investigations to a successful conclusion before the courts, the government will be entitled to take the credit.

This, no doubt, would give them a

better image and perhaps more votes from among those wavering in the disillusioned and uncommitted centre.

BUT BEYOND these political calculations, the embarrassed attempts of cabinet ministers and Likud politicians to explain away their denial of the existence of such an underground in the past stems in large part from the moral discomfort of being so closely associated ideologically with these suspected extremists.

To be sure, none of those arrested has yet been formally charged, let alone been found guilty. And the arrest of even as large a group as has been rounded up at the time this is being written should not be used to tar all of the settlers and their allies with the same brush.

But unlike the other individuals and groups arrested over the past few months in connection with the recent spate of anti-Arab terror, the score or more people detained over the weekend are certainly not on the fringes of Israeli society.

They are not in any way similar to the "Lifa Gang," a group of "Born Again Jews" who allegedly believed they could hasten the arrival of the Messiah by blowing up Moslem places of worship on the Temple Mount. Nor are they immature recent arrivals from the U.S. such as those persons associated with the Kach movement who are facing charges of shooting at an Arab bus near Ramallah.

Yona Avruschmi, the man now

standing trial for the killing of Emil Grunzweig, allegedly acted alone.

THE PEOPLE detained at settlements in the West Bank, the Golan and inside Israel proper since Friday come from within the core of Israeli society. They include serving and reserve army officers, an engineer, a relative of Rabbi Moshe Levinger, the founder-leader of the Jewish return to Hebron, and some of his close associates from those early days of settlement in the West Bank.

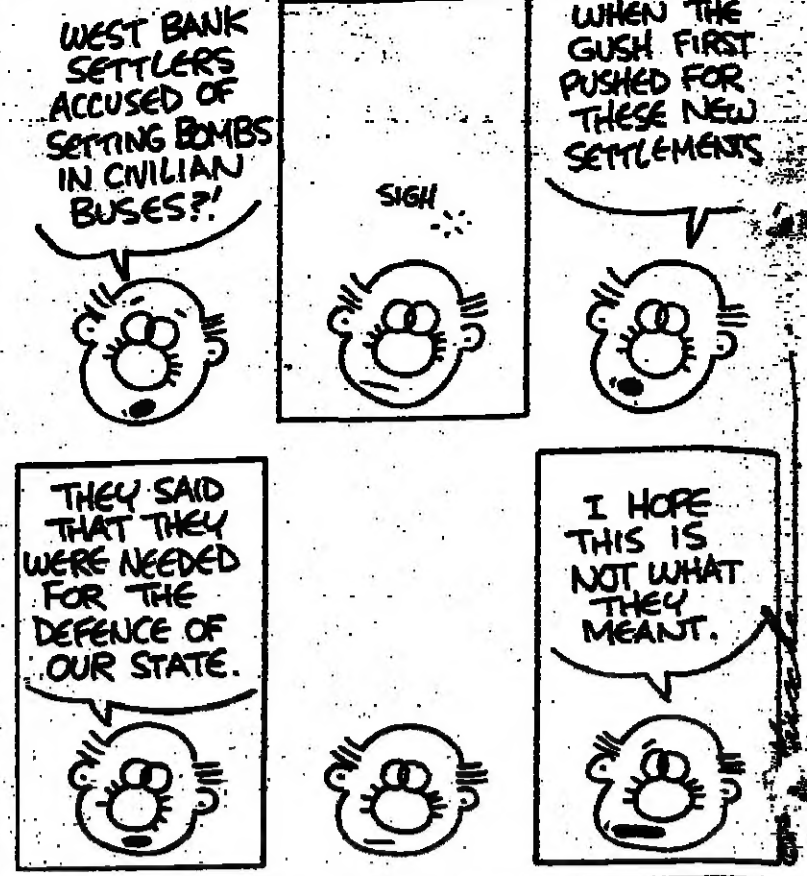
There are people who have been decorated for valour and people active in various settler organizations, such as the Committee for the Renewal of Jewish Settlement in the City of the Patriarchs.

This is a group who have, perhaps justifiably, been acclaimed as Israel's new pioneers, prepared to sacrifice and struggle to further their ideology. But it is precisely on the nature of their ideology that they and their patrons within the government have founded.

What appears to link them all is the extreme fundamentalism of their religious nationalism. A government founded on the same basis, which differs only in the intensity with which it pursues the same goals, cannot evade responsibility for allowing such an underground to grow.

GUSH EMUNIM, the first and perhaps most potent expression of this ideology, was around and active before the Likud came to power. Its

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early successes were registered under a Labour government. They succeeded in part because those Labour leaders were embarrassed and pressured into allowing their settlements because they appeared so ideologically pure.

It required a form of statesmanship and vision that was not available then to have realized the danger of such fundamentalism and to have put a curb on it at that formative stage.

But the attempted assassination of the mayors, the attack on the Islamic University and Friday's attempted sabotage of the buses which led to the dramatic weekend arrests have made such a curb imperative.

The problem the settlers and their ideology pose for all Israelis goes to the very core of our society and to the ideology on which it was based.

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Not yet Jerusalem

By PAUL EIDELBERG

experience teaches that the closer the U.S. has drawn to Israel, the greater has been its influence in the Middle East. As has been observed in an American defence analysis, "a deepening relationship with Israel has not hindered a steadily improving friendship with a widening circle of Arab countries. This has been particularly true since 1973, when the U.S. has given unprecedented levels of arms and aid to Israel while substantially improving relations with Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the states of the Arabian Peninsula."

We may add that the American-Israeli agreement on strategic cooperation cannot but give Washington greater leverage over Arab capitals, their verbal protests notwithstanding. With the American embassy in Jerusalem, Moslem ambassadors will be busier scurrying for favours in Washington than in Moscow.

NEVERTHELESS, while transferring the embassy to Jerusalem would not impair American interests in the Middle East, the move is historically premature. The fact that the U.S., like other nations, does not recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital is not to be attributed, in the most fundamental way, to economic, political and geo-strategic factors. Philosophically speaking, the present State of Israel, although morally a degree above the nations, is not worthy of having Jerusalem recognized as its capital.

The reason is this: the State of Israel is still far removed from the moral and intellectual excellence implicit in the concept of Israel — the Israel whose world-historical mission is to be a light unto the nations.

This fact, more than any other, unknowingly prevents the nations from recognizing Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Look at Israel's political system. Almost everyone knows that coalition cabinet government is a formula for ministerial irresponsibility and mediocrity. Yet the electorate is virtually powerless to bring about reform. Members of the Knesset represent not citizens or the common good, but entrenched party oligarchies. As a consequence, every few years the voters exercise their freedom and then relapse into servitude.

Look at Israel's economic system. Instead of increasing worker satisfaction and productivity, it does the reverse. The system enables almost any organized group to set off a chain reaction of strikes which drain the nation's material and spiritual substance. Meanwhile, teachers and doctors, who should set an example of dignity and civic virtue, are reduced to the level of common labourers. Money being the only thing that gives men status in an egalitarian society, envy and materialism are rampant.

Look, too, at the cultural scene. It is sufficient to mention only the increasing pornography, for this not only reduces the distinctively human to the merely biological; it subtly and pervasively undermines good taste and manners. Vulgarly abounds in the entertainment media, infecting children and adults alike.

NOR IS THIS ALL.

Like ignorant armies that clash by night, "thoughtless secularists compete with thoughtless religiousists. The 20th century is anything but a century of faith. Yet this century of triumphant secularism has been the bloodiest in human history. Despite this palpable fact, too many secularists dogmatically close their minds to the wisdom of the great Jewish sages of old, all of whom were logicians, while many were leading men of science. Israel is not entirely without such men today — brilliant scientists and logicians who see no contradiction between Torah and science. Indeed, some are engaged in decoding the Torah, revealing its utter rationality.

Unfortunately, the words and work of these men are obscured by

certain religionists who scorn the secular sciences instead of showing how these sciences, especially physics, astronomy and biology, illuminate and confirm the wisdom of the Torah. Some of these religionists do not even recognize the State of Israel.

Is it any wonder the nations do not move their embassies from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem? Perhaps it is just as well: for were they to do so at this point in history, Israel would only congratulate itself and become, more than it already is, just another conventional state.

Sooner or later, however, Jerusalem, like excellence, will be recognized. Men go to places where they can obtain the highest quality of goods and knowledge. If a country makes the best computers or solar energy systems, they will go to that country. There is a country that excels in mathematics and physics. It will attract the most talented mathematicians and physicists. There is a country that excels in art and music. It will attract the most gifted artists and musicians.

There is a nation that excels in wisdom and righteousness. Perhaps will seek that nation's wisdom and righteousness. Thus did rulers journey from afar to the Jerusalem of King Solomon.

When Israel lives up to its world-historical purpose, the nations will flock to Jerusalem.

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READERS' LETTERS

GENERAL MARK CLARK

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — In your paper of April 14, you announced the death of General Mark Clark.

Today I happened to read again I.F. Stone's *Underground to Palestine* (Boni & Gear, 1946). On page 106, I came across the sentence: "I cannot speak too highly of the efficiency and the kindness with which General Mark Clark and Brigadier General Ralph H. Tate, deputy commanding general of the United States Forces in Austria, treat refugees coming out of Eastern Europe."

As it is clear from Stone's description of the post-war trek of refugees through Europe that such behaviour was more the exception than the rule amongst the authorities, I venture to add a word of warm appreciation and gratitude to Reuter-AP's factual obituary.

CORRY H. BOASSON
Jerusalem.

POLITICAL PARTIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I would suggest that David Krivine's article, "Phantom party" (April 18) be rewritten with the substitution of Mapam for Liberal, Labour for Herut, and Alignment for Likud.

It would be just as valid and a sad comment on our much vaunted democracy.
DR. BARNARD GATOFF
Tel Aviv.



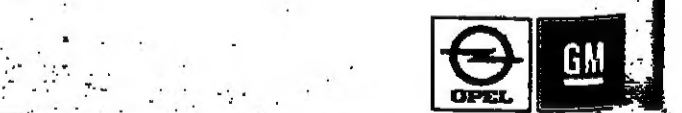
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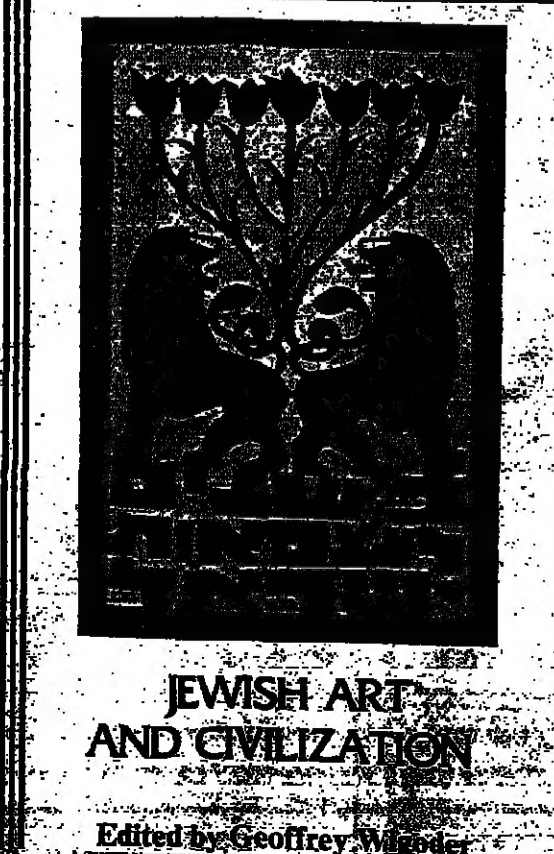
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